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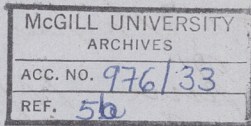
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Liverpool

Dearest Margaret

After a rather pleasant drive from Shelburne, through a very rocky and barren country, now however gay with the blossoms of Aronia, Rhodora and other flowering shrubs, which grow in the swamps and in the crevices and interstices between great stones often nearly as large as cottages, I arrived here on Tuesday evening; and have secured comfortable quarters in this neat little town. On Wednesday forenoon I visited some of the schools, and in the afternoon, the weather being rainy, employed myself in reading & writing. To day I hold my educational meeting and lecture in the evening, and on Friday I take a drive back into the country and expect to return on Saturday. On Monday I hope to go as far as Port Medway in my way eastward, and to be in Liverpool on Tuesday evening.

I forgot to say in my last that I would like you to select something suitable for me to send to the Parishes as a

remembrance. A Portfolio of Papers made  
or something of that kind, at June 10/6 20/1  
would be very suitable. If this be  
in time, please send it with the parcel  
of School Architecture he ordered in my last  
to be sent to wait for me at Mr Kenlays.  
Since writing as above, I have received your  
letter informing me of the sale of the parcel from  
Mr Cople & its being forwarded to the (at least that  
part which was exposed to be). You will still send  
the Architecture, as ordered in my last, and a  
few copies of the paper in Red Sandstone &c, as  
well as the present for Mrs Farish, which if you  
please you can send as from yourself.

I quite admire your eloquence on the  
subject of the nurse cottage you have been  
planning. I can join in it most heartily,  
and fancy a neat trim country house,  
with green grass and shrubbery and trees  
and pleasant view, and dear Margaret  
and little George and Anna to enliven it and  
make a happy home of it. How much  
pleasure we could take in it; and how much  
better it would be for us all than to  
live where we do. Well it may be some  
of these days — more unluckily things by far  
have happened, and I suppose what  
we have now to do is to work for

the seller. With good shaping we can do anything reasonable if we try; and you know half the pleasure of it would be to know that it was our own work; besides I am picking up in my travels all sorts of hints, so that our house, when we build one, will be quite a pattern. I can however speak better on this subject when at home, for last year when I got a letter from you, I feel as if I be at home with you in our present home, would be quite enough of happiness.

I found for the first time in N. S. state specimens of the blue Houstonia, the flower that we gathered with Mr Barnard at Hart's flat. It is quite plentiful near Liverpool, as well as in other parts of the west about this season. I enclose a specimen, and one of violet from Port La Pine. I also send a rough little sketch of Mr Pyle's house at Shelburne. It is very rough indeed. You may show it to the Roberts. but do not give it to them; it is so bad.

I do not know who sent the trees you mention. I neither sent nor ordered any, and fear there must be some mistake about them.

In less than two weeks I hope to  
be in Halifax without reach of  
you by telegraph, and I almost  
feel disposed to ask you to  
come and meet me there  
but I suppose your little business  
interests militate against this.

After leaving Halifax however  
but little time will elapse before I shall  
be on my way home.

May God bless you in every  
way and give us in addition to  
all his other great mercies a  
happy meeting.

I am ever yours  
W. Allan