

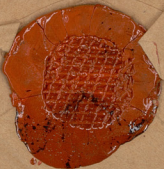
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Memorandum

The enclosed note to
Oliver & Boyd directs
them to send you a small
parcel which please bring
out with you either as a
separate parcel or one
of your trunks as most
convenient.

I forgot in my last
to say that you would require
to have parcels to go in the
glasgow vessels put up early
this month. I hope you
have attended to this.

P.F.C. 13FF
will likely be too late before
this reaches you

Mr. Primrose asked me
the other day about a sum
of money which he said
you had mentioned to some
one here as visiting his heir
and that your Mr. Primrose
was looking after it. If it
does not belong to the latter,
Mr. P. would like to have
any information you can
give about it, as he wishes
to ascertain if his family
of Primroses may not be
claimants. Please write

if you have opportunity and
you may bring out as
you think as many as
you conveniently can of
the views of Pictou. 5th
to 10 quires will likely be enough
till the spring vessels arrive.
I hope they were in time
to be enclosed in Q & B
boxes. If not, please bring
a larger quantity, say one or
two reams and be sure the
rest to come in a convenient
package. You have a
parcel of views of Pictou
sent me by the mail of the 2nd
inst. I have not had time
to look at them but they
will be very interesting
to me. I have not time
to write you more at
present but will do so
when I have an opportunity.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

not forwarded by Oliver &
Oryth, had better be
sent to A. G. Kildston &
to be sent by post. Refuse
in summer or autumn.

Mrs Anderson has just
called to ask you to select
some Scottish music, (not
ings) for Mary. Not to
exceed 20p. As I have
not received the money
you can purchase it just
if you have cash to spare.

Since writing the above, I have added
a note to O & B's letter saying that you may
select £2 for us of cheap music that
they need. (See their letter.) Mrs A's can perhaps
come out of it.

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Dearest Margaret,

As I cannot now receive your letter by
free postage since I fear I shall not have very
much to say. I returned from Halifax on Wednes-
day last, leaving all my work unfinished, as I
found there was no chance of anything being
done for a week or two, and I had done
all in my power to forward the work.
The railway is not yet settled after nearly six
weeks discussion. It will likely prove however
as a company scheme; but I fear there will
be no time for education. However I have
done what I can, and leave the result to
Providence.

I found Anna quite well, and per-
ceptibly taller and more active than when
I left. She is gaining in height very fast,
but is I think not quite so stout. She can walk
up stairs with great ease, stepping out with alternate
feet like an old person. She talks very volubly
stringing together long sentences, but pronouncing very
indistinctly. She is a perfect Indian in her r's which
she always makes ls. She is getting quite over wanting
anything at night, except sometimes a sip of milk and
water towards morning. She sleeps without stirring after tale
near daylight. She has got her back teeth nearly through

not afford many criteria for judging, and perhaps
after all it will not amount to much; this visit
is however a part of your education, and there
is opportunity at all points of comparing the two
very different states of existence in which you have
lived in the old world and the new, ought to
lead to many profitable thoughts perhaps to
some sorrowful thoughts. You must not deem
Margaret's opinion that you cannot combine in
one place all the advantages that belong to
both, and try to make up for this by thinking
that God knows best what share of this world's
blessings we should have, and generally gives
us but part of what we would desire to
gather around us. When I see how terribly many
are tried and the privations that they suffer,
I often think that with all that we may
think we want, we have reason rather
to blame ourselves that we do so little for
others in comparison with what our Heavenly
Father does for us. O that our adoption of all
his other mercies he may re-visit us once
more, and teach us more fully to love and
serve him than ever here to fore.

By the time that you receive this, the
time of your leaving Scotland will be near, and
you will no doubt be preparing for it. Make

at a point to prepare in time and do not
on any account subject yourself to the dis-
comfort of being hurried at the last or
rushing the top of your paper. I shall
enclose a memorandum of a few things I wish
Oliver and Boyd to send out with you, if you
can take charge of them without inconve-
nience. You may bring them as a separate
parcel, if not convenient to put them
into your trunk.

My residence with mother and father this winter has taught
very vividly before me all the changes that have been involved
in my union to you, and all the novelties disagreeable and
otherwise that must have occurred to you in the earlier years
of your residence here. I can assure you that my thoughts
on these subjects have made me only more highly value
my own dear wife and feel more anxious than
ever to shield her from all that might afford her
the smallest annoyance and to make my love then
appear in every word and action. Dear Margaret, with
love to each other and to our girls, contentment with such
things as we have, and zeal to do what good we can
in the world, we ought to enjoy such measure of happiness
as is granted to any in this imperfect world.

My next letter will be the last I trust that you
can receive in Scotland, and I shall feel anx-
ious to receive yours by next packet to learn if you
have decided on the time of leaving and if I can do
anything more before writing my next.
Love and Regards to you and dear George
Your own William