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Dear Mamma

I think I have had two letters from home since I wrote last. I let the Canadian packet, mail slip last last week without writing, because I was busy & tired. I have not yet got into any regular day for writing home. Thursday is the proper Canadian mail but then Thursday is one of my busy days when I have a lecture in the morning at ten o'clock, and then work in the laboratory till about three. generally. On Friday I have no lecture & thus have a little more time in the evening. On Saturday I have only the Mechanical drawing which is now from eleven till one. There is a mail of some kind on Saturday (Cunard or Inman I think) but then it is not so direct as Allan's line. On Sundays I have generally lots of time, but then I don't think there is any very convenient mail, so that I am rather at a loss to know how to do (This is some mail early in the week but I don't

exactly know when)

I think I told you that a Mr White a student in the school of mines was coming to stay here; He has now been here a week & seems a very pleasant fellow. He does not study very hard, but then when he is not at work he goes to sleep so that he is not troublesome. Miss Page who I think I mentioned before has also gone away, (she was I find a sort of boarder-friend of Mrs Quetz) & a punch gentleman called Firson come instead. He was in England last winter & stayed here then. He comes here to learn english, & is rather amusing in some ways.

Just the day after I received your last letter, in which you mentioned & Anna gave some account of Fannie McMillan's marriage. I was coming home on the top of an Omnibus, from the laboratory about three o'clock; when who should I see, at the corner of Regent St & Piccadilly but Dr & Mrs Notter waiting to cross.

They were so earnestly engaged in conversation that they did not see me, & so as I could not very well whistle, I passed without being observed. They certainly seemed very affectionate, & I suppose thought themselves free of notice in such a large place as London.

It takes a very long time to get through a little work in the laboratory, there are so many tests &c to be applied to each substance, going through them in the way we do. And you must get quite proficient in analysis &c to pass the "practical" examination, which is rather stiff. The mechanical drawing I like very much, because I find it easy.

You get the description of some solid as a pyramid or cylinder, stating dimensions &c and from this you draw a plan & elevation. Then from that, you draw other plans & elevations in different positions showing the same section in all. It is all done by rule, and so is not very hard.

You do not give me half enough
home news in your letters, but occupy
most of your space in talking about
myself, which is not so interesting.

Please excuse me for finding faults
which I am sure I ought not to do
when you have written so regularly
to me.

In my last I sent papa my accounts
& found shortly after I had posted the
letter that I had forgotten to mention the
bank in which I had deposited the money.
I forgot the exact name & went to go up
stairs afterwards, & find it out, & so left
a blank. It is the "National bank of Scotland".
The accounts I made up in a great
hurry & feel sure there must be mistakes
of addition &c please write if you find
any.

With best love to yourself & all at
home.

Believe me your affectionate son
George.