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before I leave this side
of the Atlantic. He says
they have got a house
for two months at
Lays in Lays & that if
I come I could stay
either there or in Edinburgh
as I pleased. Of course
I can only thank them
for their kindness. London
with love to yourself &
All. Believe me
your affectionate father
Leeds
June 16. 72

We have had three
hot summer days, & there is every
appearance of an end to the long
period of unsettled weather with
which we have been troubled.

I have not heard from Papa since
he has been in Nova Scotia but no
doubt will do so next week.

This morning I went to a Methodist
Church near here & heard a stupid
Sermon from a hard vulgar boasting
man who

dropped all his H.S. in the afternoon
I went - 1 - Westminster abbey I heard
Dean Stanley. He was much better
than usual. Though he is considered
such a good speaker I really cannot
say I appreciate him as a rule. Still
today he was very good. I walked round
by the cloisters afterwards. They are undergoing
repairs. It seems almost a shame to
pull down the old stone tracery & replace it
with fresh cut masonry - even though the
old form is exactly preserved. Still I
suppose it must be attended to before it
falls spontaneously. I found in the
cloisters the great stone which is supposed
to cover the remains of 26 monks who
died of the "black death" in 13??.

It lies in the S.W. corner near the
tombs of the Norman Abbots some of
whom are so far back as the 11th & 12th
centuries.

Next Saturday is the bored applied mechanics
exam, as I have no doubt told you
before. Saturday after the Nat. Hist. It is
so hard to work two subjects at once.

I should so much like to have a Solice
week extra for both subjects. What
bothers me in the Nat. Hist. is the
great mass of new matter given by
Huxley in the latter part of his lectures.
I feel that the getting up is only a question
of time but fear the time at my disposal
will not suffice. What bothers me
in the applied mechanics is — the whole
subject — It is so new. If I had been
going about with an applied mechanical
eye for a year or two it might be a

different matter. I have been going
to the College of Surgeons for an hour
or so a day lately to try & get "permitted"
with honours & able to ~~even~~ recognise any
that may be presented at the exam.

June 20

I received my letters last night.
One from mamma a short one from
yourself & a long epistle of Williams
from Nova Scotia. For all, many
thanks. It must indeed be a load
to be engaged in such an extensive
house cleaning, especially as the weather
must now be quite hot.

Please the mamma that I have received
the B of Exchange for £20 in Society.

I have opened up a correspondence with
Edinburgh about mamma's purchases there.
Yesterday I got a very kind letter from
Mr Bell, containing a very pressing
invitation to go to Scotland for a while

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exams, Mr Bells invitation
to Scotland

Miss Dawson
Miss Gill Collyer

Montreal
Canada





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