



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

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Dearest Love,

Your letter and  
the enclosure for Mrs. J.  
arrived this morning and  
I shall endeavour to deliver  
the latter to-morrow. You  
seem to think, darling, that  
I am so uncomfortable &  
miserable, but you must  
not imagine anything of  
the sort. I am really getting  
on very comfortably, and  
on the whole find it grand  
not to be afflicted by maid-  
servants. There is no periodical  
stirring up of dust - by some

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supposed to add so much  
to ones comfort - no so-  
called "picking up" or  
tidying of ones library. Now  
if I put a specimen or  
a book down I am sure  
that I can find it again  
without wasting precious  
<sup>hours</sup> hours in the search.

But men-servants are a  
nuisance too. Only think  
of it that wretched fames  
in cutting the grass the  
other day went and  
cut down one of our  
new rose bushes. And  
that was not the worst for  
he stuck it into the ground  
so that I should not find  
out what he had done until

next day when he was  
not to be there. I mean  
to give him a piece of my  
mind when I see him.

This morning I made two  
lovely bouquets, one for Dr.  
Howard, who has returned,  
and one for Foord.

Unfortunately Dr. H. was out  
when I called and so I did  
not have a chance to speak  
to him about Mrs Jordan.

Foord seemed much pleased  
with the flowers. He had  
a rather uncomfortable  
night, but to-day is about  
in the same condition as  
yesterday. I have just been  
writing to his brother in  
London about him.

I shall send the sketch

book & blotting paper to-  
morrow and hope they  
will reach you safely.  
This morning I stupidly forgot  
to ask Hamilton about James  
address, but shall see  
him this evening and  
as you know the result  
when I write to-morrow.

I long so to see my far  
off dear ones, & find the  
time pass so slowly, so slowly!  
And yet dear. I am glad  
that you are going to remain  
down for some time in September,  
for I feel that it will help to make  
you strong & ready for the approaching  
event. I do not expect to be home  
much before the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of September,  
but can not say certainly until I  
set into the field.

Ever your loving B.

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