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Dearest Love,

I got a letter from you and also one from Laura on Wednesday and was very glad to get news from home. One hears so little of anything that goes on in Canada here, landslides, floods and fires being about the only ~~Canadian~~ Canadian items in the London newspapers. Since last I wrote to you I spent a day sightseeing with Dr. Shephard who I fancy is still here. I also dined with Prof. Bonney and met his brother Col. Bonney who while in the army was twice stationed in Canada. As yet I have not called upon Mrs. Carns-Wilson, but must try to do so soon. On Wednesday I dined with the Geological Society Club and afterwards went to the meeting of the Society.

Armstrong is up from Edinburgh on business and we dined together yesterday and lunched together (at the new University Club) today. I can assure you I was fully catechised with regard to everybody and everything in Canada. At lunch I met the organist of the Royal Chapel and he has invited me to go to the Royal Service

with him next Sunday morning. I am,
however, on no account to make eyes
at the Princesses if I go.

I am already heartily tired of London
and feel as if I were wasting my
time here. I have been trying to get faultless
for carrying out the work that I wanted
to do, but so far have not accomplished
much - there is so much of red
tape here, and they are not accustomed
to give instruction to anyone outside of their
regular classes. Just now everyone is away
for the Whitsuntide holidays and until the
"lights" come back I can get no definite
answer as to special privileges. Altogether
I have felt blue and discouraged of
late and have heartily wished myself back
in Canada. The bluness with the Frost pers
away and is perhaps in part due to the
ominable, wet weather which has prevailed
for several days.

As everyone is away from London I
may possibly run up to Cambridge in
the morning as I want to see the Chemical
Laboratories there.

Yesterday afternoon I spent some
time at the academy and enjoyed
many of the pictures there, though
much less than if I had had com-
pany. Some of the water colours struck
me as very good, but I want to have
another look at them. I saw them

last, when I was tired out from standing so long. How I wish you could join me. There would be some pleasure in looking at the pictures then.

Thank you for the newspapers giving an account of Dr. Heron's meetings. Judging from the accounts he got pretty roughly handled, but not more so than he deserved. It seems to me that when a man sets himself up as a special teacher of other men he should have something new to teach, and there is nothing new in the preaching of self-sacrifice.

Howard has I think done very well in sitting with the old lady for \$18. Probably she would have got much more out of me if I had tried a personal interview.

As to Mr. Ed. Archbold, no doubt you will have got the interest from him before this reaches you and I hope the Lomont people will also have paid up. They have certainly taken their time. As to Eva's mortgage - I hope that Mrs. M^{rs} Douglall has answered my letter asking whether she wished to renew it. I hope your father has

confused with I let about it.

I am delighted to hear that Kate is going to Metis with you. It will make all the difference in the world as regards your own comfort and I hope you will take Miss Baker with you and try to get a little of the rest that you so much need.

I suppose Callaghan will be back here shortly with his bride. He told me when he expected to be married but I have forgotten the date. I am very glad to see that he is one of the 15 recommended for election by the Council of the Royal Society. Borey's name does not appear and I am not surprised.

By the way I should be glad to know if there are any further developments concerning the Principalship. I hear unfavorably of Peterson and the fact of the matter is that if they are going to get any man worth having from this side they will have to pay a good price.

It is late and I must go to bed. I have sent some stamps to Bernard and pictures illustrating the story of Joseph to my dear little Lois. With love for yourself and all the dear ones, ever your friend Bernard.

I am sorry I said anything about feeling blue. With better weather and some certainty as to what I can or cannot do here my spirits will no doubt revive. I wish I were less of a barometer.