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Dearest Love,

Just a few lines to tell you that I am still here and shall not leave for Toronto until to-morrow (Wednesday) evening if I go at all. After four days of continuous exertion I did not care to go on to Toronto at once, and besides there were a good many things to be attended to here. Dr. Adams is going up to-morrow night & possibly I may accompany him.

On the whole the College entertainment yesterday was very successful. There was a thunderstorm in the early morning, but it cleared up later and became very fine.

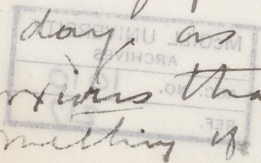
I spent part of the morning in the museum but most of this time at the new building with Prof. Ramsay and a few other chemists. The luncheon in the Motion Hall went off well and so did the drive afterwards. I accompanied Sir John and Lady Evans as their guide and before going on to the mountain took them over the Royal Victoria College for Women. Lady Evans having expressed a strong desire to see the place. She was much interested in what she saw and said she would like to apply for the position of Lady Principal. Sir John is a man of 74 - she very much younger - the third wife I think. Tell your father that there were many enquiries for



him and regrets expressed on every hand at his enforced absence. His telegram did not reach me until after the people had visited the museum so I could not give the message to Adams in time to be of any value.

This is one of my down days and I positively detest the prospect of going to Toronto. I feel myself so thoroughly behind the age and unfit to take any active part in the meeting. Callander on the other hand has six or seven papers which will of course bring credit to the University.

I sent <sup>(by express)</sup> a basket of apples & box of peaches to your father to day, as he was particularly anxious that I should send something of the kind. The peaches



seemed rather hard, but  
Bones assured me that  
they would ripen en route.

I have to leave for Fayles  
when I am to dine so  
must not write more.

Tell Poppy that I liked his  
letter very much.

Yours friend Bernard.

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