

Montreal July [1868]

George - I fondly hope
 that you ~~are~~ contented
 & happy & that all the
 advantages you possibly
 can of the opportunity to
 improve your health &
 since I ~~am~~ ^{am} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~city~~ ^{city} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~Montreal~~ ^{Montreal} with
 you it seems an incalculable space
 of time. So many events are crowded
 into it. One especially that has occupied
 much of our thoughts is now definitively
 settled, & has proved to us a double
 disappointment. Sir Alastair Grant is appointed
 principal of Edin University. As you know
 a most unexpected turn of affairs I
 regretted we receive letters or papers

my very dear
 your affectionate
 father

Yours affectionately
 Father

one that is quite inexplicable. This
is a very great disappointment to
us. humanly speaking it would
have been of very great advantage
to you to live more permanently on
the sea coast, with better opportunities
for good education for you, & all;
with intercourse with a very different
& more cultivated kind of society than
there is in this country. but what we
thought was best for time, has not
been best for our highest interests & we
are thankful to have a heavenly being
guiding our affairs. & we are willing to bow
to His decision.

I have found plenty of work awaiting of

me. & that is a good Cure for many
aches.

I regret very much I did not bring your
boots with me. because none of the
shoemakers have your measure & I cannot
get you a new pair. Please send them
by earliest opportunity. Browning tells me
we can send a small parcel, at any
time, in this way, free of expense & I can
get them down.

In passing up from the boat on
Tuesday morning I left your Aquarium
at Pounds to get a new glass. & Papa
is going to be so kind as take it down
to Dulce with him on Monday eve. &
put it on board the — for Tadousac
I hope it may go safely & prove a source
of much pleasure to you. You will be

Sorry when I tell you the bullet - more
you sent home was the cause of breaking
my large mirror in the bedroom. William
& Rankine were struggling about it when
off it flew & crushed my glass.

There seems to be few of my acquaintances left
in town. Mrs Carnish goes to Kamasaska
next week. Mr Carnish invites you to go to
the hotel there if you tire of Sadsouac. but
as it seems your habit to become more
attached to any place the longer you stay
I don't think you are likely to go. I hope
Sadsouac friends fulfil this promise to me
to go after to see you.

Rankine, poor boy, wanders about in the
heat here & when William leaves will be
quite disconsolate. He complains that nobody
answers his letters. William wrote yesterday.
I will try to write at least weekly. Anne & Ruth
were well last Monday. I hope we will hear
again today. With much love to you dear