

Montreal 4th 1st 1869.

My dear George

How glad we are just on the eve of the end of the third week of your voyage — just possible that you are nearing the end of it. Next week certainly we shall begin to speak of you as likely to be *de terra firma*.

Mr. Michison, brother of Mrs. Bayg, left Liverpool by the "Catie" on the 11th & for the first 6 days of his passage she encountered violent westerly gales so violent that the mate & several of the sailors were prostrated with sea sickness. However, with the exception of Sunday the 25th when we had a rain storm followed on Monday & Tuesday (27th & 28th) with severe cold, heavy hoar frost on the mornings of those two days, we have had lovely calm

Warm weather.

Mr. Budden has received an answer from his nephew, Mr. Broome, but unfortunately he has not stated that which I most wished to know, viz. the exact address of the person with whom he lodged: instead he gives a detailed account of his expenses. His lodging were 15/ per week. His washing & eating came to about as much more. Papa then wrote to him himself asking the address of his lodgings, in the hope that his answer would arrive before this mail left. It has not come yet but may by the afternoon mail. Meantime we have received a most kind Cardinal letter from Dr. Davis - saying he has already thought of some place that ~~will~~^{may} suit you. But the suggestion made by Dr. Bigsby, that possibly Dr.

Davis might be able to arrange for
your boarding at his College, seems to
all of us so very desirable that I much
trust papa is going to write to Mr
Davis to try to propose it to him: it
might be possible for you to take
French or German there. Anna thinks
the air would be so much purer & better
than there would be any hope of having
in Belgium. To me it would be the
greatest comfort to know that dear, kind
old Mrs Davis would daily see you.
& be ready I know to do any little deed of
kindness to you in cases of headache or

My dear George I have strong faith
in your high moral principle. I do not
think you have any taste for the vile
sensual or vulgar. Yet there is a wide
difference between acting from the highest
motive of honour & being influenced by
that Holy Spirit of the Most High God

who when dwelling in us directs our
goings as well as strengthens us against
temptations, when you can in faith
claim such promises as "he will not
suffer me to be tempted, or tried, above
what I am able to bear but will with
the temptation make a way of escape".

The Lord is on my right hand that
I shall not be moved. Read also
Phil: iv. from 6. to 10th vers. I do not all your
care upon the Lord, for the care for
you. Do not allow any man to become
intimate with you who has any taste for
low or vicious enjoyments & the very God
of peace be with you & bless you with
all temporal & spiritual blessings.

I long for our correspondence to begin
I suppose we shall address again to Edin:
Altho' I hope this will not find you there
Do not omit to give Mrs. Spence my love.
I leave Anna to give you any news there may
be. I apologise to Fardlon & Carrie for your
calling to say goodbye. Yours ever loving Mother