

forming next spring.

My dear Mother - I do so rejoice
to see you so busy & thanks to you - at the
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The wife of Hunter who lived
at the house of the natural history
building is dead. Peter - who
was her son - has been
sent to the West Indies - but
that I don't know.

Mr. & Mrs. Palmer - I think you
will be glad to hear of
them. I have - Market -
Street - (all the houses) &
I am to subscribe
myself, with best good wishes,
your affectionate Mother

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Church to hear Mr. & Mrs. Palmer preach.
They have been blessed in doing much
good both in England & America; & hearing
frequently heard of them I was curious to hear
them. Mrs. Palmer spoke very simply, from the
account given us of the young man who came
to Jesus saying, "good Master what shall I do
to inherit eternal life". I dwelt especially upon
the one sin which kept him from Christ,
naming other single temptations which often
are the cause of our being detained from follow-
ing Jesus, & that ^{that} sin, whatever it may be, is our

idol. It accorded wonderfully with what
papa had said the same afternoon, in
closing his exposition of the first Epistle of
John. "Let Children keep themselves from
idols." He spoke without excitement, even
without apparent feeling, yet with an honest
heartiness which left the impression that his
statements were facts well known to his, &
that she was as sure of as she was of
her own existence. The Church was crowded.
He spoke in his natural tone & was heard
in every corner. After the service all were
invited (who had not yet believed in Jesus
as their Saviour) to come forward to be pray-
ed for & a great many accepted the invitation. How
the work a great number appear to have been
converted. Great Series is among the number.

Now I am going to tell you of a different
yet very pleasant kind of news - viz: that I
had a letter from Mrs Brown this week
telling me of Nora's engagement to a young
gentleman - who it is possible you may have

seen — Mr. Field a medical student who
was study ing last winter at Mr. Gill College.
& is this winter in Edin. It appears that he
was one of a party (Anna being another & perhaps
you too) who walked up the mountain last
Queen's birthday. He had nearly finished
his theological studies with the intention
of entering the English Church but could not
overcome conscientious scruples he had & turned
to medicine. He is a West Indian from
Barbadoes where his relatives are & they too
are pleased with the engagement. Mr.
Brown says the engagement is likely to be
a long one. Alfred Baynes says he has money
& is not altogether dependant on his own
expectations which may be correct as he is coming
over to see Sara for a little while next
summer.

Mr. Ross from Pictou is here at present
we expect him to dine with us Friday —
on the same evening the second debating Society's

public meeting occurs: we perhaps adjourn to
hear the debates.

March 4th Thursday

Knowing that I had as many engagements
of ^{today} tomorrow as it was possible for me to
fulfil, I wrote the foregoing yesterday, & now have
the pleasure of acknowledging your very nice letters
of Feb^y - 13th & 16th. I trust the snow gales are expending
themselves that there may be a lull in April. I am
afraid to tell you how faint-hearted I am growing
as the time nears for leaving. I quite enjoyed talking
about my arrangements while leaving Muschikov
& Ussuriysk, but now that our passage is taken
in the "Historian" for the 9th of April I often wish I
had never consented to go. Yet my own seems to
think I ought to go & willing to help me off.

Rankine was very much in earnest in his wish
to write you this time, but his lessons occupied him
till 8. & he was then overcome with sleep. He attended
his lesson to you. . . . William & Nina walked round
the mountain together this afternoon. It was half past
six before they returned. Wait he coming out!!

Mrs Walker was one of the party asked while Chimney
was here. She afterwards called & I was as courteous as
possible - now that you have reminded me of her
kindness to you I shall await myself of my future
opportunity to return gratitude. . . . Broderick has failed,
& his hotel here is sold out. It is uncertain who may take
the Sadouac one next summer. Mrs Carpenter offers to take
our young folks to Murray Bay if I wish to remain at home
for the summer. Robert C. has decided to go to Wiscou to hear