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My dear George

I am just passing through one of lifes struggles with material hard work. Our Sable Maid left unexpectedly some three weeks ago to nurse a sick brother, but with the assistance of a chorwomou three weeksly we got on pretty well until now. That we have Julia Parker, Mr Anderson. & the two Misses McDimond expected by the Quebec boat Sunday morn. We look for George Bell's return about this time. In the midst of this it is a relief for which I desire to be thankful that Papa's passing

hard work is over. I today he
 sends you an account of the Commemoration
 which was a very pleasant profitable
 meeting. We here had a lovely
 high April with cold winds.
 notwithstanding the grass has been
 green & the early flowers blooming.
 We have now most beautiful hyacinths
 show, pink, white & blue. Coloured. With
 two or three hot cold days. I rather
 expect many such this month, our
 spring weather was so unusually
 early. — I have lately heard favorable
 accounts of Mr Brown's health if he
 continues to improve sufficiently his
 friends would like to send him
 home to the care of his mother
 in England. George Redpath's marriage
 came off yesterday. he also did Mr. Jervis

I don't remember if you knew him
He is the author of a wonderful
volume about halloos. Published
in princely style regarding East.
altho' the last two or three years have
been devoted to still higher work; -
teaching men to look higher than the
temporal heavens for help, which when
given will induce them a mansion
in the heaven of heavens - in other
words he is one of the officers who
has devoted himself to evangelizing.

His wife is Miss Kallala. elder sister
of the one we knew at Murray Bay
who was visiting Lucy Robinson.

I am looking forward with longing
to know your decision about your
arrangements for the summer months
Mr. Bell very kindly writes

She will be glad to see you
in Edinburgh, but that is not the
thought of Mr. Selwyn of the Geological
Survey here is preparing to head a party
to go to Survey British Columbia. If William
life could be insured to me there
is nothing I should like better than to
have him join it for the summer.
It will make a man of him; but the risks
appear to me dreadful. Selwyn is a daring
man & a sure master. You are I am sure
much pleased with the honorable place
William has taken in College. He
has already apportioned his time & is at work
at his self imposed summer session. I trust
my dear Percy you too may take a high
place in your line, but I do fear your injuring
your health by study that I hardly like to allude
to it. Please do not neglect baths, soups, &c. which
I have recommended. Tell me thus you are attending
to such precautions I believe as ever your loving Mother.