

Wesley College  
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My dear George

At the end of  
the year and in the Christmas  
holidays I begin to think  
more seriously of you - Not  
that I do not think of you  
often and always, and  
pray God to bless you in  
all ways; but this is a  
special time for looking  
at the past and the  
future, in the first  
place I enclose in this  
exchange of £ 45, which  
please place to your  
credit in the Bank. I shall  
never ask you to pay  
for me a few pounds  
of subscriptions out of it,  
I shall also try to enclose

with the money



a note for dear Mr. Dwyer  
 with whom I sympathize  
 very much. Old friends are  
 dropping off, and more  
 will no doubt soon follow.  
 With regard to your own  
 prospects - looking at the  
 close of the season, I wish  
 you to think of a few  
 things. So far I think  
 the climate of England  
 has agreed with you better  
 than that of ~~England~~  
 Canada; and for that  
 reason I feel inclined  
 to wish that you could  
 have some employment  
 there. If you do well  
 in the final exams,  
 I think this might  
 be had. I might make



interest for you to a place on the sunny  
 if you would like that, or might wish  
 the sunny people & pursued your interests  
 with reference to other employments. But  
 I wish to have your views first, again,  
 might give you another year in Germany,  
 purchased this would not interfere with  
 your setting into good employment. Should  
 you prefer coming to this country, I  
 might find something for you & John  
 here, or in Upper Canada or in the  
 Lower Provinces; but I confess I fear  
 the effect of the climate on your health,



and this County is after all my a  
 1st place for those who cannot do better  
 elsewhere. I would leave it myself to a  
 minimum if I had a good chance; for  
 what money I can win to old I fear,  
 of things I be done here, I know of my  
 (1) a place in the Survey and work and  
 your salary. (2) To set up as a printer or  
 hiring engineer - very necessary. (3) To try  
 to some teaching position in Canada or  
 the U. States. It occurs that you would  
 will understand, I would not wish this to  
 be in the fall - unless you were to be for a  
 time were very important, until something  
 better should show up. Now I want you to



think of these things and  
write to me your matured  
impressions.

All this does not con-  
flict with your coming out  
on the vacation to be with  
as for a time — that is  
unless some very urgent  
and important thing were  
to be offered you. My plan  
for next summer is to  
take some exploring work in  
Nova Scotia if I can get  
it, or if not to work up  
some of the unworked portions  
in that country for myself;  
and I would be glad  
to have you with me,  
which would give you some  
experience and acquaintance  
with people who might



be useful. Or if you prefer  
 I need rest, you might  
 stay with the others  
 all the time; and I  
 could even arrange my  
 field work & be here  
 before you arrive.  
 I would like very much  
 that you could come  
 to see us at the close  
 of the lectures, and if  
 you returned to England  
 we might perhaps send  
 Anna over with you  
 & stay either in England  
 or in Germany for a  
 time. I want to know  
 about you think <sup>all</sup> of this.

I shall hope to send  
 you by next week's  
 mail after my report



an Prince Edward Island,  
and I am writing an  
article or set of articles  
on Evolution & man  
numerous which may  
perhaps be published in the  
Lecture Hour. I am also  
working up Post-Procure  
Shells, and would be  
very glad to have your  
help in them if you  
were here.

In conclusion I wish to  
give you a little thought  
which has been much  
impressed on my mind  
by what I have read lately.  
In London you live in a  
most ungodly atmosphere what  
with Whitson and Heather  
Spencerianism, there is very  
little that is good among



those you meet with, I  
wish you to remember, that  
all this belongs to evil,  
and will not go unpunished;  
and I would wish you not  
to acquiesce in it, but to  
testify against it. There  
may you cannot do this  
if you know that even some  
of your teachers teach these  
things, and you cannot but  
listen to them with respect  
and attention. Wesley's descrip-  
tion of animals, for example,  
is thoroughly Spencerian, and  
entirely to nature, and fitted  
to spirit young men as naturalists.  
Still it is well you should know  
if, of any & do better otherwise.  
Above all, dear George, do not  
forget God or omit to read some  
little portion of His word  
daily if you can - for the old  
truth is still true, that "the fear  
of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom"  
may you long further  
W. Dawson