

(Saturday)

S.S. "Moravian"

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Travelling home  
dislike of history  
Applies for professorship in  
Science in Toronto.

Dear George,

This worthy steamer  
has taken us so far on our way,  
and we are expecting to arrive  
tomorrow evening at Quebec. The  
passage has been a very fair one  
although we had two or three  
days of head wind at first.  
Land was first seen on Thursday  
evening, but it was so foggy  
the Captain turned round and  
ran at half speed for more  
than an hour in order to avoid  
spending the night too near  
the shore. The next morning  
the fog ran on Belle Isle was heard,  
& the steamer guided through the  
strait.

There are very few passengers on board, but they are pleasant people on the whole, and some of them I knew slightly. There is a Miss Cochrane, to whom I was introduced at Liverpool, as she has crossed alone. She may be one of the family of that name that used to live in Montreal, but I fail to find her place in the family scale. M<sup>rs</sup> Meredith of Quebec is also on board, and her two daughters.

I have been reading Carlyle on the French Revolution. It is the first of his works that I have read, and his style is certainly most singular. It is very graphic, but rather terse and abrupt; and his mode of expressing himself is quite original. I find it very interesting reading, although it is history, for which I never had much of a liking. ~~For~~ To suit my palate it has to be done up with a great deal

of seasoning and a good sauce to disguise its real flavour. If you boil chuckie-stones in butter the Crac will be good. You will not be surprised at my way of speaking when I tell you that in my first report at Miss Tate's school I was "crossed" in History! but I mustn't tell tales against myself. I have no doubt you will regard this as a confidential communication.

When in London, I called upon the Primroses. M<sup>rs</sup> Primrose now lives with her daughter Marion (M<sup>rs</sup> Gray) near Woolwich. M<sup>rs</sup> Gray has a manufactory there. Woolwich is now included in London, although it is 35 minutes by railway from Cannon street. I also stayed a day with the Browns' at Rock ferry, and saw something of the Pindolfs as well.

The last I heard from your place of sojourn was that you were intending to hire a selowne

in order to examine the Vancouver  
I<sup>d</sup> shores; so that I must  
suppose you & Rankine tossing  
about on the bosom of the  
Ocean. I shall hope to hear  
later news when I arrive as  
my approach to your longitude  
reduces the time more than three  
weeks, which lay between us.

I suppose you have heard  
from home that I have applied  
for the place of Professor or Lec-  
turer in the new Science School  
at Toronto. I am intending  
to go up there ~~as~~ soon after I  
arrive in Montreal to see what  
my chances are respecting it.  
Father leaves ~~from~~ for Boston  
on Tuesday afternoon, & I now  
hope to see him before he goes.

With love to yourself & Ran-  
kine, I remain

Your affectionate brother

William.