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My dear George,

I have been
 endeavouring for some
 time past to find
 time to write to you,
 but have failed hitherto,
 and now seize a
 moment when I
 have run up to
 you, to send an
 few lines to you.
 I am now here on
 my way to the Ottawa,
 where I have to
 examine some Phosphate

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M: Edw. Collins
Lancaster

lands and shall
have an opportunity
to study some
Lancaster geology;
I shall hope to return
to Uxeter next week.

I sympathize very
much with your delay;
but I know by old
experience the evils
of trusting to winds
and weather. In
any case, however
imperfect your survey,
do not stay till

the bad weather of
autumn lets in.
As to Hankins, you
can I suppose wait
with him for some
as you can get back
to Vancouver. We
shall have to wait
till that time at
least. I realize more
and more the more
I think of it the
dangers and difficulties
of your present cruise,
and wish you well
back from it.
We have had an

unusually warm summer
and it continues so,
you will see that there
is no fear of a Russian
war. The treaty of Berlin
settles for the present
all difficulties; but by
land has incurred new
responsibilities by taking the
ownership of Anatolia Turkey.

The only thing stirring here
is about troubles about
overseas, which have
increased so far turned
out more serious. William
has passed for P. L. S. at
Lisbon, & seems to have
gone perfect of a peace
at home. We are all

well, may God guard you
& Harbinger Ever yours affectionately
Father
W. Dawson