

Walhausen July 27<sup>th</sup> 1881.

My dearest George

I am at last having  
a taste of what I have so long  
wished to enjoy — perfect rest of  
mind & body for a little while.

We left Mills on Thursday the  
21<sup>st</sup> — somewhat tired of five  
days continuance of fog & drizzle.  
Since that time we have had  
only two half days of sunshine.  
This I spent in a Canoe at Camp-  
bellton. Papa has with him old  
Mr. Richards or a son of James  
Spencer's — a lad of 15 or 16 who was an-  
xious to collect with him. I have  
only once before been in a Canoe  
& that for a half hour so I greatly  
enjoyed my smooth water expe-  
rience.

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of the one at Campbellton, preferring  
to remain & eel in it rather than  
to follow the explorers. We make  
a very early start for this place  
yesterday, leaving in a drizzle & arriv-  
ing in a down pour which off  
& on continues until now. This gives  
me entire rest & pleasure & for with  
a book & some needle work I can be  
quite happy; but I am sorry for  
Papa. he had to set his heart upon  
a good week's geologizing that  
he is restless indoors & persists in  
going out in the rain altho' he  
cannot get across the Bay to the  
place he especially wished to examine.  
He will remain another day in  
the hope of having fine weather.  
I cannot help drawing contrasts  
between the discomforts of rain here

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between your dripping cheeks  
but in wet weather & our comfort-  
table quarters - your lovely miserable  
surroundings & Conveniences then  
desires that we can command  
Once back in safety to civilized  
life & for one will imply of your  
never more to return to the unin-  
habitable parts of the earth. It is  
a wrong to yourself - to your friends  
& to <sup>the</sup> society which appreciates you so  
highly. It will be impossible to tell  
you all the truly kind expressions  
of regret that your absence calls forth.  
I can assure you, you are not for-  
gotten.

I had a very letter from Rankine  
this week. I think you have been told  
that he has got thro' his exams; less  
than half the number who went up at  
the same time got through. He is attending  
some interesting lectures & seeing what he can

4 of hospitals but in an easy way combining sight-seeing with work. About the beginning of Aug<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> he proposes to go to Edin: taking time to become familiar with the Infirmary there & perhaps go to Leamie. I want him to take his Continental tour before he returns because sh<sup>d</sup> he go again to England to get his M.R.C.S. he will then be too anxious to settle somewhere to take time to travel. It is some time since we heard from William perhaps because of our absence.

I have left myself little space to thank you for your last letter to me. It was most delightful to hear from you but I dare not comment on the journey you had sketched for yourself to take. Your present life is full of peril. I know it! "Men must work but God is the hearer of prayer." <sup>"Women must sleep"</sup> I commend you dear George. Mathers