

Monday 5th

I was returned the
 dinner as I finished the last
 page of the book & received
 gave me a letter welcome below
 take a more warmly acknowledged
 reply to it.
 I do not see any in the world
 of people of paper & even leave
 by the train which takes this
 day out of my history
 day in the end of the book
 and again here. I was quite
 (for Cipriano's French version)
 is to join them in mountain
 or Thursday only.
 Page has in previous letters
 told me that we received
 both notes that you left
 in watch-tick P.C. bottles
 the note sent by the Cochran
 party. The letter of Oct. was
 things on the way.
 I thought the Germanish is now
 me on my return from the book
 when it has finished the book
 according to the order of the post. Part.

very seldom this summer partly because
 I am so fatigued as to your visiting it
 I also because our time is so missed
 up here that a favourable opportunity
 to write deliberately never comes. Papa
 wrote very lately, telling you how long
 it is since we heard from you, & how deep
 we feel this, as when you wrote that not
 goodest us by the Cochran party got there
 within a day of St. Michael I promised
 to write at length from there. I try to
 take comfort by hoping that that promised
 letter has been lost & that you have started
 off on a long expedition & not only with
 any further opportunity of writing to us. These
 dreary wilderness wanderings of yours might

2. to, by exercise, to strengthen our faith & patience!

We have had unusual weather this season first a month of drought & since that almost continued east winds, rain & fog. It has improved for the past week & probably we will see the finest weather of this summer. All the talk now is about home-going & it is with failing courage I think of returning principally because we have to look for a new set of servants. However it do for decided that Papa & Eva leave on Monday my. I remain two days at Quebec for one of Papa's meetings there. Anna, Bernard, family & self may stay till the 12th. Mrs Major & Mrs Scott & a very few others remain till the 25th. The sad death of Willie Ruppatt has thrown a tone of sadness over all his friends here so that there has been less gaiety. Besides Willie's, there have been a number of others ^{young} taken. Mr Stewart & Mr Massey, well known among game-players. Han: John Goujo game-est. loss. & Mr Hades whose mother I know. Also of the Miss Maldois of Lemay - Billie has been drowned while bathing. All these deaths have taken our young friends.

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3. Rankine writes to us weekly. He had one
year instead of six weeks to prepare for the
exam: for which he went home but he got
through. Since that he has been attending
at the lectures & hospitals. He attended the great
medical Congress & was so fortunate as to get
admission to a number of the Mansions, Guilds,
Clubs, & other sporting departments of the P.O. & was
open to the members of the Congress & not usually
accessible to ordinary people, besides being invited
to several of these entertainments. At the close
of that he accepted an invitation from the
Hon: Mr. Pellham to spend a week at his father's
place near Brighton. In his last letter were
dates from the Earl of Chichester. After that
he seemed uncertain what next, but writes
privately to papa that if he can get it arranged
he is going to try for another exam: This does
not meet my approbation. You know how warm
he was last spring: But wilful boys will take
their own way, "altho' the harbours have been
sinking". I want him to take the present opportu-
nity for travel. & the Edin: friends, besides
Mr. Scall & the Craws, are all pleading for a
ticket from him

4. I am sorry to say that his dislike to medicine
increases notwithstanding all this diligence
& this makes me urge him all the more strongly
to throw it aside for a while, that he may
clear his brain of its mists, & be able to judge
more unprejudicedly of its merits or demerits.
This I should prefer you keep to yourself
until it is told you either by R. or some other
member of the family. William goes on
steadily with his work & writes that he
enjoys it. He has had to Camp out something
& his last letter was written from a lumbering
shanty, by the light of chips burning on the
top of a stove, as they had forgotten to take
Candles. This he thought curious in Com-
parison to Canada, but I fear, your fellows,
that he has had our rainy summer in N. S.

Ever spent two weeks in the middle of August
with the Patts, at Cacama, where she had
much fun & polio. I had at one time hoped
that duty S. & Amy wd give us a visit here -
but they are getting this town house repaired
& repaired & I find they have to go up to
often to look after it that they cd not spare
time. The matter lies as we hope to meet
occasionally in Montreal now that they are
going to live there.