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Dear Rankine,

I think I have
not written to you since I
returned to town, except
I send a postal card with
the paper containing George's
letter. We are now all
back in town and College
work is fairly commenced,
so that I am quite hard
at work, indeed quite
unable to supply all the
demands on my time.
Your letter of the 26th Aug
has received here and

* I have not yet had your letter of the 26th Aug. I am sorry to hear that you are so busy.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 11

Laurel

of course also your letter on
I was narrating your visit
to the Redpaths, which I
am sure would be pleasant.

I have not yet got
the bill from Drummond
as to the stock. He seems
to move slowly, but he
assures me it will be
all right.

As to the examinations
you refer to, I can say
nothing, as I neither know
their nature nor what
you are expected to gain by
them*, and from your
letter I infer you do not

* I had supposed that you could not go in for the
4 years of previous study, but that no living in

ask me to speak to Oser
or Howard about them.
All I can say is do not
overwork or expose yourself
too much, or live on too
sparse diet, or do anything
to run yourself down in
health and strength. In
many young men known
to us here this summer
perished or ruined their
health through carelessness,
that I am more than
ever inclined to urge
this old-fashioned advice.
I should wish that after
the course you should

for the next exams of the Col Phys without
of impregnation is conveyed as to the

take a little time at
least to visit my friends
in Scotland; but I do
not think it well to
delay your return till
very late in the fall,
both on account of weather
and what you may do
here. It seems we are
to expect no one but you
here this winter, and with
Mamma's want of strength
and my absolute slavery,
we really need some one.

We have another letter
from George from Mr. McLeod,
& which shows he had returned
in the middle of July, and
was planning another long
tour.

I observe in your letters
 rarely not a word as to
 anything higher than the
 world. I do not infer from
 this that your thoughts are
 altogether earthly; but I
 hope you take time to refresh
 your soul with God's word,
 and to keep higher aims
 within sight. Do not forget
 that the earthly things, whether
 low or high, can be sancti-
 fied to God; and that too
 many things in themselves
 noble are degraded by leaving
 him out, and it is strange
 how the best things like man
 himself and the attention to
 his wants and distresses, the

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chance work of Christ himself,
may be brought down by
illy and bad men to
a mere mercenary level. There
all my life been struggling to
keep down this evil influence,
& what in matter - of fact
perhaps are too much ad-
mitted, and I hope you will
not be influenced by such
low views or allow them to
annihilate any other feelings than
just. It is it worth your
while to retain hard feelings to
people you think mercenary or
unjust. You should be above
this.

With all love and
best wishes for your highest
welfare. I am your affectionate father

J. Dawson