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Dear Rankine,

The intimation
of your arrival in
Brit. Columbia reached
us last week in a
letter to Mamma, and
I hope that this may
reach you before you
leave Victoria. Though
this I imagine is doubt-
ful. I fear my cir-
cumsidence has been
somewhat irregular, for
though I have endeavored
to write every week, the
letters seem to have ^{been} carried

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as I have received two
or three back from
the dead & letter office.
I hope you will find
many changes for
the better. Since you
were in Brit. Columbia
years ago, especially this
must be the case
with regard to Vancouver,
which has indeed grown
& be a place of much
importance. My im-
pression is that, all
things considered, B.C.
is at present the

most promising part of
the Dominion; and
after the silver scare
is off in the U. States,
and when the new
modes of gold mining
come into operation, and
the great Canadian
and Indian and
Australian routes become
established, it must
improve more and
more. Matters are
still here at present
on business circles, the
U. S. depression is some
degree. We are acting on us.

but I hope this will
excuse off us navigation
spurs up. The first steamer
from sea arrived last week,

Convoctation in Lower
Ab & App. Sci, comes

off W = Miriam, after
what I hope there will
be a perceptible lull; for
what with the needs
of the new house and
strangers turning up and
demands on me for
information and advice
I have for some time
been kept from doing

x and the death of Dr. Deeks (Typhoid)
which has thrown his Ex. papers on me,

My paper work which
 I regard as that of
 finishing various lines of
 geol investigation. I
 have found time for
 some pentateuchal articles
 in the Expositor, and
 addresses to J.M.C.A.;
 and when I cannot
 get at science am glad
 to be able to do a
 little for religion in those
 times of so much back-
 sliding and decadence.
 I am glad however
 to say that the college
J.M.C.A. is prospering
 and I think becoming

Mine and Mine a
 farmer in the means;
 and I am desirous
 of making anything
 I do for the University
 in that line of things,
 more especial, as I feel
 that I have little time,
 and have done so little
 for the spiritual welfare
 of students, which after
 all is the main
 thing.

Hoping to see you here,
 and with all kind
 good wishes and love
 from Mamma and self,
 Yours ever
 M. Dawson