

(Monday)

86 B^{ard} de Port Royal

Nov 8, 1878.

William

My dear Father

I write a few lines to let you know how my accounts stand & how also what my expenses are likely to be.

During September, from the 4th to the end of the month, I find my expenses were 310 francs. Out of this I spent 47 francs for books, and 35 for the seven lessons I had in Descriptive Geometry, & also 20 francs for my first telegram which partly account for the amount being so great.

Last month I spent 236 francs including 10 francs on my trunk from Liverpool, £11.25 for the telegram, and 15 francs for a French & English dictionary, large 8^{vo} in two volumes.

I hope after this to keep within 200 francs a month as my incidental expenses ought not now to be much. I estimate thus:— I pay
dinner at the
I now go

I may allow the same for breakfast although I do not usually pay so much, & I give 50 centimes a mor- for my chocolate & a roll which I have get them to bring up to my room. This makes 3 francs a day or 90 a month. This with 40 for my room makes 130, leaving 70 or 2 a day for incidental ex- penses & purchases, which certainly ought to be enough. At any rate allowing 250 or £10 a month, the £80 upon which I have not yet drawn, ~~upon~~ will last 8 months, so I do not think it will be necessary to remit to me so soon as the New year especially as I have still 208 in cash.

You speak of the parcel of books in which also my instruments were in- closed as if the express had not been pre-paid. I had only 1.70 to pay at this end so I do not know how the charges were paid if it was not prepaid. Please tell me how it was sent and how much it cost.

Your loving son

William