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Monday evening
April 15, 1878

Knap Hill 20
 3 Matthews
 Chambers
 Victoria 20
 20 W. Smith
 Mrs. Mearns
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 Staff

My dear Father,

I drew £20. today which I hope may not fall upon an inconvenient moment.

I also called at Allan's Office.

The dates of the steamers are as follows:-

Circassian	June 6	}
Alloxian	" 13	
Sardinian	" 20	
Peruvian	" 27.	

I feel half inclined to wait for the Sardinian on the 20th as I do not like to be hurried in leaving finally. There is always so much to be done in getting away. However, I hardly think it is likely I will wait so long as till the 20th, but I will know as soon as I see the Exhibition, when I will be able finally to decide. The bracket shows the extreme limits. If nothing

Turns up of a pressing kind in answer
to my applications, it might perhaps
be worth while to do the Exhibition jus-
tice, as there is sure to be much that would
afford a profitable field of study especially
in the way of machines. My long absence
from home has entailed so much self de-
nial that I ought to be sufficiently trained
in this respect to enable me to wait a
week or two longer away from home without
finding it insupportable.

The answer from Ottawa is de-
cidedly unfavorable, but I do not
think it is likely I can take time to
see Mr. Keefer about it. I saw him
once this winter on the subject, but
without very much result. We have
conferences & manipulations in pho-
tography & telegraphy up to the day
of the first examination, and then
are only four week-days between it
and the second, so that our time is
pretty well taken up. The subjects
are not however difficult, & in one
of them we have already passed a

"partial." The best we have plenty of time
for, & it will be a real pleasure to
read up for it, as it is very interesting

I have taken Saturday & Today
to rest, and to do a number of little
things which there is not time for dur-
ing the session, & tomorrow morning
I hope to get up early & make a good
start in the direction of the exami-
nations. I will visit the Exhibition
on the 18th May, after which I will
be able to make up my mind about
leaving the date of my leaving. The
next few days I will do my pack-
ing, & send off my heavy luggage
by freight to Liverpool. The Allan
agent here takes this in hand, &
has only to be notified of any trunks
being ready, when he sends for them
& has them forwarded to the Office
at Liverpool. They are sent to Havre
& thence by water, and the time
required is 10 days. It is an
immense advantage to send them
thus, as luggage costs is paid for

at the same rate as our Canadian rate
book postage between this & London,
only 60 lbs. is allowed free.

I am sorry to hear that Shunkin
sits up so late, but I hope his
work will now soon be over. I
never do so myself, half-past ten or
eleven being my ordinary time limit.
However, I do not wish to make
a virtue of a necessity, but I would
be glad if he would take a hint
upon the subject.

Yours affectionate son
William.

EXAMS.

Applied Chemistry April 26

Railways May 2

Harbours May 17.

