

~~Knight~~
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Atherstone
Warwickshire
England

Sir

you may remember Jan. 10/46
my name as connected with Bute House,
and Frampton 2. — I write to ask
if you would give me a certificate,
to be made use of with the enclosed,
to help me to obtain employment in
England. The circumstances are these,

— I was at Bute House in 1842-3, and
went to the bush settlement of Frampton
for 4-5, and have been here some months,
the date now being 1846. In Frampton I
built two houses, and the second one was
intended for a permanent residence, but
it is now The Parsonage, Springbrook, West
Frampton, for I have sold it. My mother
was out in Frampton years ago, and I
thought she would perhaps come out
again and settle down with me, if

I were to build a house. While I was in Canada, she broke her thigh-bone near the hip-joint, and although it was supposed that the injury could be remedied, it has finally turned out otherwise, so that she has no great hope of being able to walk again. The idea of her going to Canada is therefore given up, and she wishes me to remain near her. When I set out to go to Canada, I had no idea that such an accident would happen to her in my absence, nor was I aware of the serious nature of the mishap, for a long time after the occurrence. At last she sent for me, and I returned to England, much against my will, and am now going to try for employment, so that I may remain near her.

I should apply to Miss Macintosh for this certificate, but, when I was in Canada Miss Macintosh had gone to Europe, with her brother, Mr. John Macintosh, and I do not

do not know where they may be. It
would take some time for me to find out
where and how Miss Macintosh is, and if
you could act in the matter, all that is
wanted could be done by return of Mail.

The facts, I think, are these, — I
visited Dr. Carpenter for a short time, and then
taught at Bute House for part of Session 1841-2,
in 1842, and the whole of Session 1842-3, having
the direction of the studies of the Senior Division,
VIIth & VIth Classes, in English viz. Eng. Lang. & Lit.
Gram. & Compⁿ, Rhetoric, Ment. Phil. & History,
nominally 4 hours per day. I received \$500 per
session. When Mr. Watson came, I was asked to
remain, and stipulated for 3 hours per day & \$600,
and then I did not promise to come, if I could
get my new house built in Frampton, but
to give Mr. Watson early notice, before a certain
date, if I decided to stay in Frampton. From
this you will see that some value was set upon
my services. Moreover, the pupils who passed from
my hands to the Educational Association's
Session in 1843-4, acquitted themselves well,
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one of them, Miss C. Colvace, I believe, gained
the Hannah Lyman Prize, ^{and one the Prize in Mental Phil.} I believe.
My old pupils
will, I hope, entertain a kindly remembrance
of me, as I do of them, and I trust that I
gave no offence to anyone in Montreal whose
good opinion was worth having. At all events
I left behind me no unpaid bills. I used to
attend Zion Chapel, and was admitted as a
member.

As to Frampton, there will be a break
in my records, for I cannot put on paper
what I did there. I had a neglected piece
of land of 250 acres, covered & partly over-
grown with wood, only about 12 or 15 acres
being open, all the fences down, and no
buildings on it. I made a small clearance
on 100 acres, ran up a house, and got out
timbers for a barn, then sold it, and it has
been nearly half cleared, crops raised, barn & stable
built, and stock put on it, and was looking well
when I left it. With the proceeds of sale, I
got up a larger house for myself, on
the other

the other 150 acres, — I also gave
12 acres to the School, and collected money
in England & Montreal, for the School, which
was expended in adding a new piece to
the School House, and putting all in repair,
the Frampton people contributing an equal
sum, and the remainder being handed over
to present Chairman of Trustees, at balance
in hand. I also got up a petition for
a Post-Office, to be called Springbrook,
and this was obtained, and opened in
the first house that I built, for the
special convenience of the Protestant
Community. It is close to my second
house, which is now the Parsonage,
and the School House and Church, are
close to the parsonage, so that, with a
few other houses & buildings, there is
quite a small village started. I tried
to get up a store, but my brother-
in-law in England sent me out two
scamps who gave me much trouble,
and

and were not fit to start one, so that
remains to be done. From this you will
see that I was not idle in Drampton,
in fact you will smile when I tell you
that I took away all my old clothes from
Montreal to Drampton, and used them there
to work in, so that I wore them into
tatters. I worked with axe, pick, spade,
crowbar, and all sorts of instruments,
and did some pretty tough work sometimes.

As a memento I have a scar about
6 inches long and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide, where I
drove an axe into my shin. — It acts
as a ^{weather-glass} ~~barometer~~. I bought the axe
afterwards, and worked with it till I wore
all the steel out of it, and it is now here.
I should like to go back and start
afresh, but I do not know if it
will ever be. I must obtain work here,
a matter which demands attention
and circumspection, and ^{must} put all
my backwoods ideas into my pocket.

If you could give me a certificate, which might be added to my existing ones, there would also be this advantage, that your name is known in scientific circles in this country, Also, if you would write a brief note to Alex. Ellis Esq. F. R. S. 25, Argyll Road, Kensington. W. just to say that I was in Montreal in 1872 & 3, and that I conducted myself well, writing to him directly, not through me, I might refer to him for the correctness of my own statements, or the authenticity of a certificate from you. My living out of England has broken my connections here to some extent, and as I have been corresponding with Mr. Ellis, he would no doubt act as a point d'appui for me, on receiving a note from you.

I hope that you will be able to comprehend this not very lucid letter, and that you may be able to find yourself

yourself in a position to comply
with my request. Hoping that you
and your family are well, and will
have a happy new year.

I remain,

Dear Sir

Yours most sincerely

R. S. Knight

F. R. S. L.

Native of Hampton

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Principal }
M^c. Gill }
University }