

Cairo

Feb 13. 1884

My dear Mr Fetter,

Your kind letter  
of Jan'y 14 reached us when  
on the Nile. We returned to  
Cairo on Tuesday the 5th,  
and finding the quarantine  
still in force and no steamers  
running to Saffa, concluded  
to remain here to await  
a change. This occurred at  
the end of last week, and  
we now propose to leave  
Cairo to-morrow morning, via  
Suez and Port Said,  
to take the steamer for  
Palestine. If all goes  
well we may hope to

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he in Jerusalem on Monday  
or Tuesday next. We have  
arranged to spend a fortnight  
in Southern Palestine, and  
then to proceed to Bejrut,  
where the most interesting  
geological work is to be done,  
and when we have finished  
a little exploration there, we  
propose to return to London  
by Smyrna, Venice & Lucerne.

Our trip up the Nile  
has been most satisfactory  
and full of pleasure. The  
weather was delightful and  
every turn of the river  
brought new scenes of interest  
and beauty; while we

had excellent opportunities  
 to visit temples, &c, and  
 to see much of interest  
 in Geology. In the latter  
 I have I think made some  
 very interesting observations which  
 I hope to make public on  
 my return to London;  
 and I have made large  
 collections of Papyrus and  
 Wicks and of objects illustrating  
 Egyptian art. I have to-day  
 consigned eleven boxes to  
 agents in London & Liverpool,  
 which I hope will form  
 interesting additions to our  
 Museum if they reach  
 Canada safely. They will

Whenever he sees till our return  
to England.

Cairo is at present in  
a state of great excitement,  
owing to the receipt of  
an order for the immediate  
departure of 4000 British  
soldiers to Smakim. This  
was quite unexpected, as it  
was understood that British  
troops would not be sent  
to the Sudan, and there  
is no end of hurry and  
preparation, in which many  
of our friends here are in-  
volved, so that we are  
not sorry to leave.

This country is at the  
moment a perfect realization  
of Daniel's image in its

feet of "dust and clay".  
 The mixture is most inefficient,  
 and leaves everything in an  
 unsettled state. It seems  
 quite impossible that the  
 British occupation can cease  
 without anarchy, and so  
 long as it is supposed to  
 be temporary, there is no  
 confidence whatever. There  
 is no doubt good work  
 being done by British officers  
 here, but so soon as they  
 leave it will all at once  
 fall to decay. The  
 only permanent influence  
 for good that appears on  
 the surface is that of  
 the American mission, which

is spreading its schools over  
 the county, and which is  
 all the more useful that it  
 is not mixed up with the  
 politics of the country.

We shall very likely have  
 some interruption of our news  
 from home between this  
 place and Bregmont; but  
 shall hope we may be  
 kept good news of the  
 college and of all our  
 friends, at that place.

With all kind regards  
 and good wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely

J. Dawson

When the particulars brought me letters of the  
same kind explained. One from Mr. Redpath,  
Gives the sad news of the death of Judge  
Day, ~~the~~ ~~same~~ which will no doubt  
reach you before this letter. We are very much  
of his death, and feel it particularly so,  
as I had hoped to spend some days with  
him on our return to England. I can say  
no more at present, but am sure the specimens  
will do all in their power to pay a fitting tribute  
to his memory.

Please also a letter from Mr. Peppin containing a  
report of the specimens referent the remains in England  
at Chapel. This I shall be happy to see