

Ecole Ponts et Chaussées

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My dear Father,

I called this morning at D^r Anzoux' in answer to a note he sent me & find the matter has assumed a slightly new aspect but still it is rather a change for the better. He now has the things all ready and packed, but he says that he must be paid for them before he can send them, & pointed out to me a note on the first page of his catalogue where it is stated that orders must be accompanied with a remittance. The box was rather a thin one, so I told him to put them in a heavier one, & I am to see them tomorrow afternoon before he sends them.

I suppose it will amount to the same thing if I pay him now as indeed it may save you some trouble. I am afraid however that he will not give any discount but I do not suppose he would in any case. I will be able to send you the receipt on Friday I hope. I will go this morning to Gill and draw the amount required and I think I can get permission from the Inspector to be late, in case the hour & a half is not sufficient for that, & my breakfast. ~~The~~ Our afternoon lecture today is at the end of the afternoon so that it comes conveniently in that respect. The things are to be in their new box tomorrow afternoon, and if he sends them at once after that they ought to leave Liverpool on Thursday of next week which will be the 2nd December; they ought therefore to arrive the week after this letter. I am very glad indeed to be able to be of any use to you

to to by being here, especially as you are
so liberal to me & so thoughtful in
foreseeing all my wants.

There is a young fellow of the
name of Craig staying at Mme. Pradel's
at present. He is from Port Hope in
Ontario and came here with a letter
of introduction to Dyke from Miss
McPherson Macpherson. He has
been studying for the Ministry & is
intending to go out to India as a
missionary in connection with the
Baptist Mission there in the S.W. of
the country. He has been travelling
since spring having spent the sum-
mer in England & Scotland; & is
going to spend a month here & then
return to London & spend the winter
in Germany probably in Berlin.
& in the spring see Switzerland & Italy
before returning to Canada. His
principal objects in travelling
are to see all kinds of Mission
& Christian work and also to
learn French & German; although
why he wants to know so many

languages I do not know. He is a graduate of Toronto University & took honours in classics. I should have thought him about 18 or 19, but he is 23, rather good-looking, with curly hair. He is tremendously loquacious & communicative & I already know all his family history, & all about the young lady he is engaged to, &c. He forms a fourth at dinner; & I also hear the news from him, as he gets an English paper.

But I must now close. I will have to admit my letter to be overweight & put £2. on it. I will get a two-franc stamp if I can for Frankine's benefit.

Believe me your affectionate

son

William.