

86 B^d de Port Royal

Tuesday 8th May 1847.

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My dear Father,

The following is my acct:
for the month of April.

Personal expenses	196. ^f 55
2 Pairs of gloves for Mother	7. 50
Total	<u><u>£ 204. 05</u></u>

I have still on hand £ 231⁰⁰ but I will have to draw at the end of this month before I leave Paris. I will see what arrangement I can make with Gil; but I rather think it will be best to draw what I will need in cash. I might get circular notes, & will do so if they do not require to be paid in advance.

I have not yet sent in my application for a mission, but I have almost

Decided that it is to be to the East
on the Eastern Canal. The expense of
going there is not much ~~iff~~ as I believe
they give us half-price tickets, & half
of the third-class fare is only about £10.
There is a good deal of interesting work also
that is being carried out at the different
ports along the Channel, which it might
be worth while spending a few days
in seeing if I pass that way. Prof:
Malzeviens spoke of two or three weeks as
being sufficient to see what was being
done on the Canal de l'Est; but I am
sure that so short a time would be
quite insufficient. I intend to go there
as soon as the results are declared,
and I will probably stay ~~at~~ at least
till the end of July. I think it is better
to spend the time at one piece of work
rather than, by trying to do too much,
succeed in doing nothing.

I intend taking notes of what I see
which I might either send to Mr
Page to keep him acquainted with
what I am doing, or I might send

to them to the Inst. C. C. at London, ~~at~~
where I might get a prize in Books.
They grant several prizes a year to the
Students of the Inst: for reports they
send in. I would like your advice in
this as it would be better to send
any Competition Report before I leave
this side.

I do not expect that living will be
so dear in the country as at Paris.
Altogether, I do not count on spending
much more by the month than I do here

~~Yours~~
Your affectionate son

William.
