



Rankins

March 23rd 85.

My dear Father,

On arrival in
Docks this morning, your
letter of March 8th, was handed
to me, and was received &
read, as I need hardly tell
you, with a great deal of
interest & pleasure. I have
also received letters from
Mrs. Carpenter and from
William, which please acknow-
ledge for me, in the near-
time, which I shall ^{myself} answer
later. At present, I write a line
somewhat hurriedly in order
to catch this week's mail.

2) I was much pleased to
learn of the possibility of
your being connected with
the Brit. Assocⁿ Meeting of 86.
in so gratifying a capacity.
I shall of course say nothing
about it at present, as you
desire. So far as my own
movements go, I am unlikely
I think, to leave this half of
the world, before that time.
Even should I tire of wander-
ing over the face of the
water sooner than I expect,
I should wish to spend
a few months at professional
work in Vienna, from which
place Lorne Campbell, from
whom I hear from time to
time, sends glowing accounts.

3) of the opportunities afforded for practical
work
we have had a very pleasant run from Egypt,
down the Mediterranean & across the bay, fine
weather, and a fresh instalment of passengers
from Egypt & Malta; amongst them some very
pleasant people. I have not had time as
yet to see anyone in London, except Mr. Hudson, who
tells me that the ^{field} glass you took for him arrived
safely, & was much appreciated. Later I shall
hope to make a round of calls and look up
some of my friends.

I see by papers here that you are
having another Pelt rebellion in D.W.; compar-
atively insignificant however as the country is
in an entirely different position from that
which it occupied 10 or 12 years ago, & the thing is
altogether old fashioned & out of date.

Give best love to Mother, and remember
me kindly to all.
I shall write again shortly.

Ever your affectionate Son

Franklin Dawson