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My dear Father,

Thank you
very much for your prompt
reply to my cablegram.
As a letter written a few
days ago to Mother, will
have already informed
you, I have decided
to travel as far as Naples
& 'spy out the land' in
that part of the world.
As my own slender savings

2) I have been rapidly
diminishing of late, I
thought it desirable if
possible to have some
reserve here in case of
contingencies. The V. & O. have
kindly favoured me with
a free passage, & I shall
leave likely early in the
New year. Whether there is
really a good chance of
making a living there, as I
have been informed, remains
to be seen. The only chance
of forming an opinion is
to see something of the place
& judge for oneself on the
spot. That I shall be able

to do as well either as
regards income, friends
or comfort as I have been
doing in the P. D. is not of
course to be expected, but
I intend at least to try
and make both ends
meet. If there seems no
chance of that one can but
beat a retreat & console
oneself with having acquired
an additional experience.
My address there at first at
least, will be Royal Hotel,
Naples "to remain till called
for" - I shall be obliged if you
can send a line to anyone
you may know there. I

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think you met D. Johnson Davis
& perhaps one or two others,
when there. (I should be
obliged to you if you can ascer-
tain for me at your leisure
the date in May for registration
in Montreal. If I am able to
come out in Spring I should
wish to do so in time for that.)
Inquisitive friends may be
told that I have gone for a trip
to Italy. It may prove nothing
more. In any case it is time
enough to halloo when one is
out of the wood.

Again with thanks, and
all kind Christmas greetings
& good wishes for the New Year.

Your affectionate son
of Parkville.

Do consider what I
said about breaking up with career!