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My dear Father,

I have to thank you
for your very kind letter
written on my birthday
& shall try to remember &
profit by all you say. You
should I think feel well
satisfied with the work you have
accomplished in a long &
busy life, much of which has
been spent in laying foundations
which had to be well placed, &
that you should now resign
yourself to doing only such

things as afford you pleasure
in the doing, without imposing
anything upon yourself as a
task & especially without
promising any one to do or
write anything. The mere feeling
of an engagement of the kind
is a strain & an unnecessary
& uncalled for one. With
rest & leisure & open air
by the sea this summer, there is
I hope every prospect that you
will get over the attacks from
which you have suffered, &
we all hope that you may
give the existing good conditions

every chance of effecting a Cure.
 If the weather should remain
 good in the Autumn it seems
 true that it might be well for you
 to stay at Metis into September
 & until all chance of a final
 hot term in Montreal is passed.
 Mother too suffers much from heat
 & sometimes all the good of
 a summer's outing is lost in a
 hot week in September after
 getting back. The sea air is a
 good thing by itself & I would
 rather spend a few days at Metis
 than a month at any of these
 inland summer resorts.
 I was in Toronto on Thursday
 & attended meeting of Local Committee

Mr B.A.A.S. Griffith the ant.
 Soc. Sec. is now there & the
 arrangements are well advanced.

Jennings, the Engineer, had been
 reading one of your books in which
 you speak of the erosion of Niagara
 Falls & was much disappointed to
 hear that you would not be at the
 meeting. He wanted to show you
 something about the Niagara gorge.
 When the river is very low he says
 one can see large blocks of limestone
 lying on the bottom & he thinks
 that these have fallen in from the
 sides, with a single narrow
 channel cutting back along lines
 of jointage. Thus the gorge might
 be formed in a comparatively short
 time, without taking the erosion
 at the falls as a true wear and
 time your gorge.