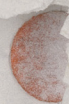


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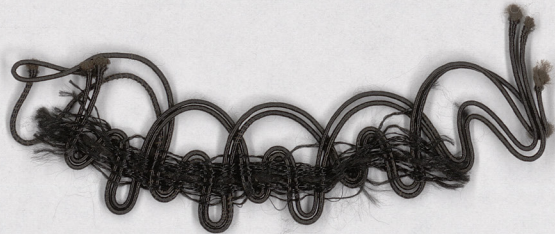
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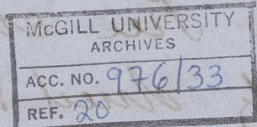
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J. W. D to his
wife Margaret





Halifax July 13,

Dear Margaret

I received yours of Monday yesterday evening, just before my lecture, and was as you may suppose very much delighted with its contents. It is truly pleasant to hear of your continued welfare, for which I cannot be too grateful to our Heavenly Father, may he grant us the same blessing till we meet again.

Your little parcel with the shoes came safely to hand, and just in time. The box with the books, we has not yet arrived. Last night's lecture was the Second of Botany, and though the audience was smaller than what diminished by a great deal on that evening, the lecture was I think a pretty good one. I am making a good many new drawings to illustrate the botanical part of the course. I went out this morning for a walk to the North West arm, where I collected more Lichens, Mosses, Sea weeds, &c.

And Mr. Frazier of the Free church has given me some very pretty dried specimens of the minute species of sea weeds. I think I must collect some of ours. I have promised to get for him some from Peter's ones.

Last Sabbath I was at Mr. McFergus in the forenoon. He is preaching a course of sermons on the death propitiation of Christ and on Sabbath last his subject was the supposed descent of our sinners into hell. "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell" &c. In the evening I went to the Free church and heard a lecture on the choosing of Jacob & rejection of Isaac part of a course of lectures on the history of the Patriarchs. I thus had my attention directed to two very difficult parts of Scripture history.

With respect to the much agitated subject of your coming here, I think it would give you very little pleasure to come with out baby. You would be in a perpetual fret about him, and he would be much more troublesome if deprived of his mamma.

My plan is to wait till the end of this month. By that time the weather will be so much milder that it will be easy to take baby without risk. The only difficulty will be the roads. They may be bad but it is quite possible that they may be safe & quite good & enable you to travel with comfort. You can then stay with me three or 4 weeks or till I return. It would be all very well to pay me a flying visit for a day or two if the weather should happen to be fine; but if no you must tell me when so that I may be waiting for you. My lodging is in the extreme north end of Queen St; but at the time when the stage comes, I would most likely be at Mrs Sherrin's. or if it were Monday at my lecture.

I have another request to make. In my Bureau drawer you will find a large pile of lectures in a blue pasteboard cover. There is one on the "Useful Minerals of N. Scotia" and an outline of another, on the "Organic Constituents

of plants & on in with Gum not very sure
which. The first lecture is in three or four
sheets of letter paper. The second is only one or
two sheets of letter paper folded double. Please
send them with one of your letters by stage.
Father will be sending a parcel on Friday. They
can go in it if you can find them in time.

I shall get you patterns from Mr. Robson of
Ipswich, but they are not very willing to give samples here.
If I get them I will enclose them in this.

I have got the box filled safely; many thanks
& you for your trouble in pushing them up.

When you have time it might be useful
to think of the things that I might get here for
our use in the spring. There are sometimes furniture
sales here at which things can be got cheap. I have
the dimensions of the carpets but no other memorandums.
If you could make up a list of things which to be
got better here than in Boston, beginning with
the most necessary, it might be useful. After paying
all expenses I shall not have very much over from
this expedition so shall have to be careful in selecting
the things that are most useful. I have been looking
at some patterns of curtains - think they could be got up
without much cost. I have no more to add more
May God bless and protect you my own dear dear Margaret
Your loving husband
William