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Limerpool

Dearest Margaret,

I left Limerburgh on Thursday afternoon and went to Bridgewater on the La Hume R where I gave the people a lecture. Bridgewater is a thriving rough little village somewhat like Glasgow in appearance but smaller. It subsists on the trade in lumber and firewood or cord wood as it is called. The La Hume is a fine river larger than our Rte. rivers and with a long navigable estuary which at some points has a fine appearance. I left Bridgewater on Friday at noon, after having visited the schools. I stopped to dine at Petite Riviere a very pretty stream with beautiful cultivated slopes on its western side. This is the last place of any note in the County of Limerburgh. Limerburgh as a whole is not so barren and stony as Halifax. It is a slate country and most of the soil is very fertile though boulders are more plentiful than with us.

On entering Queen's County the soil changes for the worse - the rock is a hard quartzite, and the surface almost covered with large boulders. The road passes through a country uncleared and not worth clearing. Still village

where I lodged on Friday night is a scattered little place supported by a track in lumber and stuck down just in the midst of the boulders. After leaving it the road passes through continuous woods and rocks all the way to Simpsont, which I reached about 12 o'clock on Saturday.

Simpsont is a neat place one long street nearly level and quite straight. The houses of all kinds but many very neat, and most with a little garden ground and some formal trees, cherries, Apples, &c. in front. The ground is very ~~not~~ rocky and in many of the gardens there are huge boulders and masses of rock sometimes with creepers &c. trained over them. The country around is almost quite uncultivated and the Independent academy a large building in rear of the town is set among bushes and boulders just as if it had dropped from the clouds. The trades pursued here are fishing and lumbering especially the former and just now they have begun to take large quantities of herring and mackarel. Taking a walk to the lower end of the town I saw the beach in some places covered with dead fish killed in the nets and not secured but drifted on shore in a decaying state.

Sabbath — A rainy Sunday; went in the forenoon to the Congregational meeting and heard a sermon on "We preach not ourselves but the Lord Jesus Christ;" a sound but not able discourse. Had some conversation on religious subjects with an American Swiss denburgian. We have here in the House an Episcopalian a Catholic (an Italian dancing master) & a Congregationalist.

I have been reading again yours of the 5th Sept which I received yesterday. I have again occasion to be thankful for good news from you. I trust that the colds to which you refer are now gone. These little things however remind us of the frailty of our tenure of health, and teach us to be thankful for its continuance so long. I have just been thinking of you and trying to realize what you may now be doing, with a mixed feeling of pain and pleasure, for though it is pleasant to have your image before me and to think of your love and your interest for me, it is sad that I cannot enjoy the society of my own dear wife and see my little boy and my home. Nothing can at the time make up for such a separation from those we love, but I trust that God may have good results in store for us from this however trying now.

My health continues to be perfectly good. J. McPhail has been a little troubled with bowel complaint.

partly I think in consequence of eating fruit.
He is however better now, and appears to
like travelling very well. The country through
which I am now travelling has many fea-
tures that are interesting to me, and is worth
seeing. You seem disappointed at want of notice
of my meeting in Hx. I am not. There will
be some notice in some of the papers and I
am sure that I have done good there,
and in Dartmouth where I gave a lecture.
I have been very well received in Limerick
and I trust will be here, I have I think suc-
ceeded in settling some injurious disputes
and supplying some useful information. The seven-
day meeting passed a vote in favour of improvement.
Education here is a little better than in C. Breton
and many papers very intelligent, but still much
improvement needed.

Please read to Father & Mother any parts
of my letter that you may think interesting, as I
have no time to write fully to them.

Tuesday, yesterday had two meetings here
in the morning only. The lovers & a few teachers
attended, so I gave out a meeting for the evening
and had a good audience. To day I went school
and in the evening go to Milton 2 miles distant
To morrow I leave for Shelburne. May all good attend you
and dear love your own
William