

Keswick. July 12/77

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Dear Maunna

I posted a letter
for Anna, addressed to Cacouva
in London on Monday last. I
intend to address this to Montreal
in case of any mistake.
I arrived here safely & comfortably
yesterday evening, I met Mr
Ward at the station. He had
written to Prof Ramsay that he would
be very glad to give me room
with him for a while till I found
lodgings. So I went home with
him at once. He has been
working in this locality for several
years, & has been doing that since

resident in Keswick. Today
some naturalists club, or scientific
association is coming here on an
excursion. Mr Ward has £50 with
them, & as I did not particularly
care £50 I have today as a day
of rest to get over the fatigue of my
journey. Tomorrow I suppose.

I will go out with him to his
usual work, & will see what
I am able for in that way. His
work is now unfortunately at
some little distance from Keswick
which implies extra walking.

Prof Ramsay did not say anything
about payment of part of my
expenses, & the survey men have no
allowance for conveyance. once
their travelling expenses are paid to the
spot anything in that way they don't
like to pay for themselves they must
walk.

Keswick is situated near the
north end of ~~the~~ ^{Derwent Water} ~~the~~ ~~lake~~ ~~and~~ ~~is~~
& is surrounded by beautiful
scenery, & walks & drives of the
most charming description.
Derwent Water lies in the Lann
Valley but south of Bassenthwaite
& both lakes are surrounded by
mountains, craggy & steep, & seldom
wooded except in the valleys.
These mountains have most
unpronounceable names, on second
I should think to the Welsh. They
range in height up to somewhat
over 3000 feet, & I don't think
you could find an acre of level
ground (except in the flat valleys
immediately surrounding the lakes)
for miles & miles. There are a few
of the most prominent mountains
visible from here. Skiddaw (3022)
Latrigg. Dodd Fell. Grisdale Pike.
Causay Pike. Saddleback. Catbells.

Bleaberry Falls $5^{\circ} 5^{\circ}$

The population of this town is between 2000 & 3000, & the natives speak a

lingo which is a thousand times worse than broad Scotch & almost

impossible to understand, when in its purest form. There are

several hotels in the town as it is quite a favourite place for tourists

The said tourists are turning up everywhere, always carrying green

guide books, or provided with a copy of Woodsworth's journals. In the

most infected localities every available rock holds a young lady sketching.

This part of the country had the name of being one of the wildest in the

British islands, but my experience of it so far seems rather the reverse

Yesterday morning in London it was so fearfully wet that I had the

greatest difficulty in getting a Cab all the stands being deserted, &

At the end only just managed
to catch my train. Mine being
the very last ticket issued. Near
London all the fields were soaked
& many of the lower meadows
partly flooded. Going northward
however it got finer & finer, &
a glimpse of sunshine broke
out about noon. Up here in the
North country it was quite fine
& I believe there has been almost
a drought for some time; though
London has been so wet.

Keswick is only a few miles
from Borrowdale where the famous
Cumberland flint is obtained
out of which the best lead pencils
are manufactured.

I should tell you that Mr Ward
is not a mere novice but is
somewhat known in the scientific
world. Besides other minor works
he has published a good little
book

an elementary natural philosophy

He is also an associate of the

School of Mines having completed
his studies there some years ago.

I think if all goes well I will
try to go to the British Association
meeting in Edinburgh as Raper
suggests. It begins on August

2nd I believe.

Your affectionate son

George

P.S. I think you had better

continue sending your letters to

London as usual. I have

agreed with Mrs. Grist to

forward them

to you.

I should be glad to hear

from you.

I am ever your affectionate

son

George