

-W^o Wiffault takes
 the lead out by this
 steamer. They were
 next seen to us at West
 head.
 W^o is my friend W^o.
 I hope to see the death
 of the paper?
 How is Mrs Simpson?
 Mrs. Norton? My love to
 both. I do hope to see
 you again. I shall
 try to take my place
 in love to my friend
 She might write me
 when she has time.
 Miss Linnam
 Bill

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day of the
 Inaugural. How I wish I could be beside you
 to enjoy the lecture, as much as we did the
 one on "Cooper". I am sure it will be good, perhaps
 severe. I trust it may be published. I was so par-
 ticularly anxious to hear it. I have not heard
 a word since I left of what has been done & I am
 famishing for news. I do take such a hearty
 interest in the work. I see they are trying to interest
 people here by holding Public meetings in behalf
 of the education of women. Ever since I came, I have
 been so much in the dark, scarcely seeing a paper
 not being with people who took an interest in such
 matters or in much beyond their own particular
 or professional interests. These last have chiefly
 been military. I have been so constantly reminded
 of that saying "that an Englishman in England
 is like a bird in a cage". People think & act
 so much in a groove & have so many prejudices.
 They don't seem to be able to form an independent
 judgment. I don't regret at all having come

over. Though I remark these things, I hope to learn a great deal from those who have so many advantages over us. I should like to get rid of prejudices myself. try to see things as they really are. not easy to do; I learn the Lessons God would teach us through people. things - as well as directly from Himself.

We had a very pleasant voyage across - dreary as to weather however. but better than the average, a good deal as to society. Both Willy & I enjoyed ourselves very much. We spent our first fortnight in Blackheath in lodgings. but amongst Canadian friends. We were too busy shopping in town. principally for Willy, to see as much as we would of them. still it was very pleasant to see old faces again. for they were all real friends. Talking of shopping. Hope you will be pleased with Anne's dress. I did not see any orders. as you will see. but I hope I have not done wrong. The dress was the only one left. so it was reduced from £5- to £3-19-6. at a very good shop. it struck my eye as soon as I went into the room. We sent out 2 colors for under skirts & two Lashes. as it had been no good no two dresses. a plate to show how to loop up the Polonaise. Polonaises are as much worn as ever. they are so useful. I ordered one for myself yesterday. Black Grenadine with a satin stripe to be trimmed with

Black satin white balancinees lace & black bows up
the front. The style is every thing in a thing like that.
It will be very useful & use once here. Dresses are
also worn with one skirt & that looped up behind with
a sash.

I have so often thought of you, wished you were
with me - perhaps nowhere more than in Miss Mac
Pherson's Refuge at a monthly meeting of workers.
You wd have enjoyed it. First of all, I must tell
you I met two students of McGill there to my surprise
Blackadder was one name. He has visited all the
Hospitals in England & Scotland, & he was after a few
weeks in London to go to China, he was as the D. of
the ship. The name of the other was Edwards.

The meeting was conducted on your principle, open
to every one to speak & to pray. Only women at first
prayed, though there were many men there.
Miss MacPherson began herself. The tone of the
meeting was excellent - One felt so much of God's
Presence & Power - & so little of man's sufficiency.
His part was only confession - many shortcomings
hindering the blessing, workers speaking against
one another, of a self-seeking spirit - too little faith
in the promise of God. Full acknowledgment
was made by all that God must work & be alone
in it by each one. Such people must be blessed
in their work. I was delighted I had found
I felt how immeasurably I was behind them

the one desire of my heart has been to be like
them in being crucified self & filled with Christ.
I do wish Miss MacKesson, & her work God speed
with all my heart. The workers there were engaged
in different fields of labor, not by any means all
her own.

From Blackheath we went to Clatham to spend
a few days with the Gallweys. Col. G. is Commandant
there, they are both very much liked. They live
in a Barrack square, in capital quarters. We
heard the men at their drill at six o'clock in the
morning. I have quite got over my love for the
Army, though I should not mind working amongst
them. Their eldest son goes to Canada by this steamer
to be in the Montreal Bank. He is a nice young fellow,
not clever - but affectionate & good tempered.
I have just rec^d such a kind letter from Mrs. Cum-
mingsham. I only wrote to her on Saturday, never
since she read your letter, she has been expecting
to hear from me. I shall go to see her on my way
to or from Scotland. It will be a great pleasure
to be with her. It is very nice visiting amongst
friends. But it is like talking too much of a holiday
when one ought to be at work. Yet when I consider
the matter over, I think I have been taken aside
for awhile to commune with my own heart, with
God ~~for~~^{to} father fresh strength & life & trust for
greater usefulness. I have been busy now for so

long that I need to look after myself - a little.
We came here yesterday & spend a few days with
Col. Noble's family. The place is new to me - but not
the people. I very often staid with them when I was
here before. Many changes since then I find.
The mother dead - ^{also} very great friend, the sister
the best of the family. I miss her so much. though
the change of place makes a difference.
Sons out of six nieces living in the house when I was ^{here}
before are married & away. So the family has
become very small. It is a pretty Country place
I am on my way to the Kings & hope to be there
on Tuesday next. I feel bound to go to them as
soon as possible, as it is partly owing to their
kind invitation that I am in England now.
You will ask what of my young charge. Willy.
He could not pass for Haileybury. a stiff examina-
tion for a boy as old as he is, & many boys are
turned away. So he is at Folkestone at a small
school very highly recommended. That will suit
him much better - for he is very backward, & not
a clever boy. We were much pleased with
what we saw of Haileybury. There is a modern
Department - Science is well taught - the Standard
seems to be high. The number is 350 - the present
Head Master will not allow the school to go beyond.
See Rugby is in trouble - something like the High
School - the Head Master without any administrative
ability.

Mary is here. still unsettled as to her movements.
Her husband is trying to get an exchange, & has been
so far unsuccessful. If he remains the winter
here, she will go to Canada. she can get four
months leave, you see there next summer.
The Drs here forbid her to go back. she feels herself
she could not go. She looks remarkably well &
is fat. but her nervous system has had a shake
& she is even down in general health.

Just Miss Gardner would write me all about
the "Bee" - Tell her so with my love. I hope you are
very successful. I pridge being away from the Lectures
about the Bee which I enclose - if you send the money to
Alex, it will be all right & let me know if you want
any thing. I shall most gladly get it.

If the Bee is not what you want, I am sure somebody
will take it off your hands. Give my love to Anna
& your husband. don't be lazy - but write me even
a few lines to Mr Kings address.

Edenhurst

Torrey

South Devon.

I don't hear any thing in the home letters about the
Bible work, or Educational. I want to hear from
yourself & if you yours. I am not homesick. I enjoy
being here, for I have only been amongst friends -
yet I look forward to getting back to Canada to
be with you all again - to do what I can for
good. While life is spared. Mary sends kindest love
& with a great deal ever yr attached friend
Emma H. Sewer