

Our early recollections are not of a Titianus  
life, but rather like a series of ungrateful pictures  
of few figures or incidents in clear relief of  
background into indefinite spaces - but of these  
my first clear recollection of my father is  
one of these - a child of about 3 - surrounded  
by an atmosphere of delicately & properly  
align - my older brother & myself and  
with others in a setting, some all the  
features of which are clear to me - & my  
father coming to us through the door  
a tall thin figure somewhat stooped  
at the shoulders with clean shaven  
face & short sharp features. He later  
gives he brought us - received of his hands  
filled with little coloured sweets  
the opening covered with a real red velvet  
that is the whole picture.

The next series of remembrances is connected a  
great deal with "sweets" & first brought home  
to us children when my father went to town, &  
constantly pictures show us, or little stories  
told, that were not like other pictures or other stories  
In the more than busy life that P. entered upon in  
Montreal, he still found time for the children in  
an early age he insisted upon us coming to table, which  
was a great education for us, & he always talked to us  
or with us so that we felt in the conversation, &  
we quite understood that any affairs mentioned  
before us, must not be spoken of out of the family - P. was  
fond of jokes & often repeated odd stories, or quotations  
which I did not recognize, as such till long years after -  
one or two passages from Kuchelras were amongst these, several  
from Byron - from Pickwick papers - & Scott's novels -

He constantly gave us books, of all kinds from a set of Mrs Sherburne's somewhat-stilted tales to a beautifuly illustrated copy of the Arabian Nights that illuminated that period of our childhood.

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On Saturday morning he often went to turn about little business matters, & not infrequently was his companion - I used to feel great pride in having him introduce me as "his only daughter" which I was for a number of years - & was delighted to see the interior of printing offices - book-shops - banks - the Post office & other wonderful places, all of which he would explain to me as we went along. On several occasions I spent some mornings at his office & <sup>in the old Bureau or all of the National</sup> <sup>was</sup> <sup>spent</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>learning</sup> monkey & a few other curiosities which were the nucleus of the present museum - He did not speak much to me of the present museum - He did not speak much to me of sparks, & a stool with glass legs in a most-satisfactory manner.

He also frequently took short-excursions on Saturday to places of interest - geologically or botanically - & my brother & I used to go also - when we would set to hunt for some rare fossil - or to collect to be found in that locality, or to search for snail shells <sup>in the hills north</sup> or trilobites <sup>in the rocks</sup> or beds shells in the blue clay - Whatever he was himself searching for or thinking over, we never found fossils too busy occupied to answer our questions or look at our discoveries, & indeed I think we felt ourselves distinctly members of the expedition. At Kelvin Island with its wild grasses & old block hams - Brickfields at what used to be called the Glen later on - when kindling excavations disclosed the remains of the old Indian Kachilaga - we went every morning before breakfast to see what had been uncovered, & to look over the remains the workmen were rewarded for carefully preserving.

Another pleasure that stretched over long years was his love of gardening - I saw from his garden in N.S. the largest roots & plants & seeds of favorite sorts, & not long after arrived at his - he was to be seen with muddy boots & turned up trousers measuring out & tracing the forms for garden beds in an unassuming slough that lay at the foot of the terrace on which our house stood - Two irishmen were set his building <sup>some</sup> that were strewn about & <sup>carried with the back of</sup> <sup>built</sup> into a rough garden seat - & before long

Order came out of chaos - a circular walk was  
rounded around a oval bed - shrubs were planted, &  
next spring morning after mowing my father  
was out between six & 7, with us at his heels,  
sowing seeds, carrying water for plants from the  
pretty little brook that <sup>ran</sup> flowed through the Colly  
grounds - covering transplanted treasures & so  
on - May will remember the dear old father's  
garden, though not trim & precise, but full of flowers  
that might always be liberally picked - which fruit  
trees stood here & there, & vegetables at the other end.  
Working in this garden was one of the few recreation of  
for many years. & his early bulbs - green peas &  
rhubarb - were matters of most absorbing interest.  
& For several years he helped us to prepare boxes of seeds  
of annuals about April - & they flourished  
magnificently in our sunny hall windows - & attained great  
distinction when put in the garden. He never lost his interest  
in gardens though for the last few years he was  
the making of a little border at <sup>the top of the</sup> his university. & he  
& in his last summer at <sup>Waltham</sup> <sup>publicly</sup> <sup>referred to</sup>  
our father's garden to see some new poppy, or special rare

In this connection the Colly grounds in 1840 were under  
care himself planned & paid & laid out - walks about  
them, had rustic bridges built, & trees planted. ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~avenue~~  
the avenue was smoothed under his direction & all the  
trees planted under his eye. In his own part on to an  
surveyor landscape gardener, nursery man & chief pay  
master also. He respected <sup>the</sup> <sup>great</sup> <sup>of the Colly grounds</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>beauty</sup>  
was a large ~~haunted~~ <sup>haunted</sup> with ~~pretty~~ <sup>made</sup> <sup>plants</sup> that the  
~~part~~ ~~there~~ ~~a~~ ~~forest~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~made~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~naturally~~ ~~the~~  
most of it - with an artist's eye - the need of new  
buildings have done away with <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>after</sup> <sup>another</sup>  
of these - the few fine oaks <sup>in the</sup> <sup>of the</sup> <sup>pretty</sup> <sup>brook</sup>  
running through the hollow - the level places where  
groups of trees were placed, all considered.

He was always most liberal with money, for my  
children to ask meant to get but <sup>for that year</sup> <sup>we</sup> <sup>felt</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>point</sup>  
honour not to ask except on rare occasions - at least  
not without consulting mother, who required two  
reasons, pro & con for the expenditure.

4. Pape had a quick temper, though there were very few occasions when he let it appear, but he had no sympathy for practical jokes, & several times when something of that nature assumed transferred, he would speak hotly to us, which made the more impression because he was usually so gentle & courteous to us as to games - he took no interest in them or very little - they were not the rage of his day or ~~life was taken a little more seriously~~ - he did not teach us to play draughts, & used sometimes to play with us - chess he - ~~He~~ when we were quite small - Music he took no interest in ~~except in some few tunes which were associated with incidents of his youth, & if one of these was played, it never failed to draw him from his library with some expression of pleasure or approval~~ indeed I think he regarded a musical education as rather a hindrance to more serious work, & I am sure he regarded a musical student as one with a drawback to success. He sometimes sang in Church - but - much out of tune &

He had little art-training but he did a great deal of drawing - & colour in chalk or water colour - ~~partly as sketches of places he~~ had been, usually those required to illustrate some geological or natural fact - ~~later on he made~~ endless diagrams for class work or lectures of every kind & geological: botanical: Geological or of Egypt as the Calceolus - he gave me my first ideas of sketching from nature, in which he encouraged me - he also drew many illustrations for his books sometimes on the wood, for engraving.

In common with <sup>the</sup> other he was rather fond of sweetmeats, & usually had candies of some kind in one of his desk drawers, which was well known to his grandchildren, & after he ceased to be able to shop for himself, ~~we~~ always reminded us to have it replenished. Peppermint he was very fond of - he always was an early riser - usually downstairs by 7 o'clock & doing a great deal of his daily correspondence before the 8 o'clock breakfast. He was very systematic & regular in his habits & never seemed to put off anything. It was the secret of his never neglecting little things that he always attended to ~~them~~ at once.

5<sup>th</sup> He was never too busy to add the smallest com-  
mission for any of us to his town list, & anything  
wanted by mother had only to be hinted at & was  
accomplished, or ordered. He always kept a  
memo book - & every <sup>engagement or</sup> thing was noted in it - that  
he had - if this book was missing, it was a cal-  
amity, & we all flew to assist in the search for it.

All his business matters were kept in perfect  
order, & if he was leaving home for a time he  
gave my mother, or if she was going one of us  
exact directions about key of safe, bank books,  
etc - & a list of any business or payment  
that was fall due within the near future.

This was so much his habit to thus ~~visit~~ <sup>visit</sup> of his  
affairs & give us that when he was stricken with  
pneumonia & insisted upon giving directions, & orders  
as to what sh<sup>d</sup> be done if he did not recover, the  
doctors demurred as to the effect of the effort, but we  
said it was his habit, & he wd be uneasy till he had  
arranged everything - When my brother came he  
clearly & rapidly went into every detail, & they were  
noted down, then with perfect peace & quiet he dis-  
missed all the affairs of life, & gave himself into  
God's hands for life here, or life hereafter into God's  
hands. <sup>This illness when he was 72 was the first time I ever re-</sup>  
<sup>member him</sup> <sup>never</sup> <sup>was</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>bed</sup> <sup>from</sup> <sup>one</sup> <sup>day</sup>  
~~to another~~ <sup>by one occasion</sup> ~~except~~ when he had fallen heavily,

<sup>was</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>head</sup> <sup>badly</sup>, & the Dr obliged him to spend  
3 days quietly in his bed as a precaution, & very hard  
work he feared it -

He was always much interested in  
children, never given to much petting or carrying  
but always so courteous & considerate, he  
seemed to respond to any want or wish of a child  
by a turning of his <sup>eyes</sup> towards them, & a giving of him-  
self to them, in a kind of fellowship, that only  
is possible to one whose purity of heart, & soft-  
ness of eye, gives

I relined in reading our details  
of his life, the beginning always  
seemed 'propagated' of his later  
years, so truly & unswervingly  
ly did he pursue the light-  
given to him, & the length of  
travels - its inevitable down  
of. Clear brain & strong  
hand -

Gardening - children - children  
melays - books to give away  
the mass supply -

Drunkenness Jokes & stories -

We felt it a point of honor  
not to ask him for money because  
we always would get it - 29 currency  
Saturday mornings • Lunatics  
Bank for students - Belief in Mrs.  
Nily's apples & Brant's

# Preface

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Mention that much was dictated during  
months of feeble health

p. 20 - Redundant revisions

p. 22 Impressions were real beams

p. 23 <sup>Details</sup> Cases & party sh<sup>d</sup> be mentioned

p. 24 3. "Exposed" occurs 3 times in near  
succession

p. 26 - Definiteness - functions - calling

p. 28 - Sentence badly expressed from  
"a glimpse of Hawthorne's head"

p. 35 mixed sentence, not clear

p. 38 - Sh<sup>d</sup> not remarks on Lyell be  
finished before Ter Lou Logan  
is spoken of - he seems to come  
as an interruption

p. 41 - W<sup>d</sup> have out long sentence beginning "I felt  
see service - I sh<sup>d</sup> say tea set"

p. 50 - Explain Diolite for ordinary reader

p. 51 - Story of ham & boy unaccountable -

p. 56 Gives a false impression as to time  
w<sup>d</sup> like length of time to be stated -

P. 77 - Perhaps no longer co-operates & why  
call it a provincial institution

P. 89 - Prepare I wd say not produce test like

P. 94 - Very mixed sentiment as a farination  
Is it Quadrant? of Brit-Ass -

P. 96 - Is not the inferiority of the  
later scientific men put too strongly

102 - no reference to first luxury of So-  
faculty, its being reinstated & reestablished

105 - refreshment promoted not furnished

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135 - Queen City - better great



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I my first recollection was far back  
grained - a sense of trust & calm - On the  
house - the absence of parents & usual  
night - the going out - still streets in  
care of an unusual guardian - of  
program - standing on a porch or  
& first consciously looking out over  
wide ~~sun~~ <sup>night</sup> covered - with the  
glittering glimmers of crisp little stars  
the adult track bending to my  
feet - I hear <sup>the</sup> ~~myself~~ <sup>myself</sup> I speak  
gazing & gazing <sup>with</sup> ~~only~~ <sup>only</sup> dimly knew  
It was being urged to turn however

1849 to 1859

Bare Britain & J. Aug 1. 1849.

Montreal Oct 1855 via Halifax & Boston

Earliest recollections = see notes for J. W. D's Biog &  
Gardening

+

Letters to g. p. & his to g. - also fr. Agnes Stewart -

Governesses = Fiddie - MacDonald - Elder = Lessons & Arithm & Rights

Papa's friend & companion =

Ghost Stories = Tricks

Diary of 18 61 - 11 yrs old = ~~old~~ Compositions all 10 yrs

1859 — 1869

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10 yrs to 19 yrs

Tutors. latin. french.

"How shall the little busy bee improve each  
shining hour", was the quick reply when Geo. Murray found  
fault with a Latin translation fr. Latin verse, with "improvisation"  
~~know more~~ <sup>used in</sup> ~~for~~ "poetry" he said

? Extensive ballads - for children = Short-stories = with  
alarming results

1869

To England by Lake Erie sailing ship Left Montreal  
Glasgow Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

Observations with tow net on surface life on the  
sea - especially with reference to humerosity, (see  
notes of J.W.D. on this with letters of 1869 (? were they published)  
Thos. Keimner only other passenger. - Cabin boy must -  
Entered

Took to England J.W.D.'s specimens of gony  
10- Laurence parechinipora = 4 wrote to Rupert Jones  
Entered s. of Lewis & others all these

1870

England - school of mines

summer. Father & mother went over to see how  
he prospered - went to Bruntsfield where mother turned  
a cottage for the summer.

Oct. 8 - back in London for 2<sup>d</sup> winter's work

1871

London T. of Mines till July -

Reports on Foraminifera 2/70 or 71 of guy of St. Laurent &  
Characteristic note in diary July 8<sup>th</sup> 71. "Afternoon went to  
Jermyn St. to hear results. Got Geology medal etc = -

X get exact acct of his standing

July - 11 Left for Keswick where he had got a post<sup>d</sup>  
under Mr J. P. Ward who was working up the geology of  
the district for the G. S. of Grt Britain - spent there till Aug 1<sup>st</sup>  
when to Edinburgh to attend Brit. an. meeting - a few days with friends  
Aug 29<sup>th</sup> back to Keswick - cont. work till opening of school of Mines -  
Left 30 back to London

Letter for J. Clifton Ward to G. Mch 72 - "I look for great things at the  
end of the term."  
Sir C. Lyell refers to Ramsay planning summer work for J.  
in letter among those of 1/71

1872

London

Recommended by -

Arranged to go to N. Scotia with our files to report on ores there. The fee was passage out & back 9<sup>0</sup> 20 L :- I. went for passage out & 20 L. & value of passage back - from this time he never cost his father anything, & was justly proud of it - <sup>was</sup> always keeping account of expenditures for G. M. D. wh. were promptly paid -

Entry in diary Sat. Jy. 6<sup>th</sup> "To school of Mines to hear results Got Ed. Forbes medal - To Prof. Huxley's to dinner"

Sailed Jy 16<sup>th</sup> Landed at Halifax.

Examined from Mrs Brookfield near Treuro & Blanchard's uterine on East River & Picton Report Aug 14. 1872 + also coal areas at Hartwood C. B. also for Mr. M. M. M. - D. M. M.

Met father in U. S. & returned to Montreal with him & came sketching

by Gulf port boat Secret - Montreal Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>

On ~~the~~ excursions to various lakes I know better reason -

Back to U. S. in Sept -

~~It was an excellent season near Brookfield~~

Delivered course of Chemistry lectures at Maria College Quebec - Remuneration?

Polson's lake - where they had molasses in their ~~tea~~ & prayers in gaelic =

1872 Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> (Pr. application to Selwyn for post on Geol. Survey -) "In the course of the second year I was awarded the Director's medal & prize in Geol. of the Dept. of Cornwall's scholarship for greatest geol. prof. - In the course of the 3<sup>rd</sup> yr, the association of the N. Sch. Geol. & the Ed. Forbes medal & prize in Nat. Hist. & Polson"

1873

<sup>Mat.</sup> B. N. C. B. C.  
Rec<sup>d</sup> - appointed from Ottawa Feb 10<sup>th</sup> as Capt. & Colonel to  
B. N. C. \$2000. a year (by an order in Council)  
Leave Mex<sup>o</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> Kumbina June 1

Arrived at Dufferin Man. post "Selkirk" abt 1 P. M. <sup>Jan 10<sup>th</sup></sup>  
& landed on the muddy bank of the River amidst  
torrents of rain.

Curious list of presents bought for Indians at request of  
Capt. C. to value of \$500.00 selected by G. M. D. in pencil paper  
"Gaffer Duckworth" in the (70<sup>th</sup> Regt)

Letter of recommendation to officers of Hudson Bay Forts for  
June 73



1874

B. N. A. B. Com.

(In small note book.) Left Montreal on 6<sup>th</sup> 1874  
Arrived at H. B. Fort Dufferin May 19<sup>th</sup>

Large note book from May 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 16<sup>th</sup>  
Left Dufferin May 20<sup>th</sup>

1875

G. M. D. Left Montreal July 19<sup>th</sup> & went via San Fran-  
to Victoria Aug 15<sup>th</sup>  
Left for Soda creek Aug 19<sup>th</sup>

Returned to Victoria Oct 29 - Spent the winter there  
1875 Journal ends May 19. 1876

1876.

May 26<sup>th</sup> Arrived at Lussel mouth by Steamer  
for Soda Creek - went into camp 27<sup>th</sup> ~~went till Oct 20<sup>th</sup>~~<sup>18<sup>th</sup></sup>  
back to Lussel Oct 20<sup>th</sup> & to Montreal Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1876

1877

Leave Mont. of 24<sup>th</sup> ~~arrived~~ Victoria - Toronto, Chicago:  
\* Left Kamloops May 28<sup>th</sup> 77 ] Oshawa, Colfax -  
Roseville - Redding. There take stage. Cross Sacramento  
by rope ferry. Butte Station - Jacksonville Regu R  
Ranchury. Portland. Tacoma. Steamer to Seattle - Victoria  
New Westminster. Kamloops: \* Returned to Victoria Oct 26

1878

Summer spent in cruise about Queen  
Charlotte Islands

Left Mont<sup>l</sup> Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> May 12-17 In Victoria making  
preparations - May 27<sup>th</sup> off in schooner Wanderer  
& on Oct 17. reach Victoria at 11 P. M. "Taking my sponge  
brush & comb I landed & went up to Dredal House  
where found all awake - but sorry for the present to  
conclude the chapters of my marine experiences. Secure a  
good room & look with admiration on a bed with  
clean sheets"

Montreal Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

J. W. D forwards applications for prof of Nat-Hist. in Univ. Virginia, & at  
Kingston H. M. School, (see letters 1878.)

1879

Left Mont. May 8<sup>th</sup> - Victoria June 3<sup>d</sup> - Up the  
Sheena River Left T. Olympia June 6<sup>th</sup> - cheered by those on  
board

Delivered course of lectures to Ladies' Soc. Ass.

Returned to Ac<sup>th</sup> Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

1880

I invited by Gen D. Wilson Feb- to act as Lecturer  
in Mineralogy & Geology

Tail from Kenosha Jy 31 Aug 9<sup>th</sup> of year

From Sept 11 - Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Tail for Canada

1881

Left Montreal May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Reached May 15<sup>th</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>mouth</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>river</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Missouri</sup> for Benton in Steam  
Hudson Deck

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1883