

McGill College,
Montreal.

June 9, 1841

Dear George

I promised to write
to you by this mail about
the plans you had sketched
out with reference to your
future course of study. Practically
it appears to me that the
only thing you can do by
if you were coming to this country
would be "Mining & Assaying" or
"Metallurgy", and I suppose
there is no demand for the
miner. If you were to stay in
England, which, in so far as your
health is concerned, I would prefer,
should any opening occur, I should
know what of these would be
best or if there is any other dis-
partment, as Geology & Palaeontology,
that an opening might occur in.
Looking there at present
tabulation of the matter,

Running's theory of red sandstone is one of the best I have seen
are my papers on the carboniferous system from June 23, 1838.

Journal say (W) of your paper
on Paleontology. Take up
the subjects necessary for the
Mining Division viz "Mining,
Astronomy & Applied Mechanics."

If not there you can take
any of the advanced geology
subjects, do so.

Do not anticipate
your failing in Paleont. unless
the exam. is very stiff
indeed, if you get sick; but
if you do, do not think
it alters the case much.
You might still take the
Mining Division & perhaps
some of the geology.

This advice is based
on the possibility of your coming
here, and finishing next
year.

But suppose you stay
in England, might there not be

Openings for Geology & Palaeontology
on the one hand & Metallurgy
on the other, that might de-
termine a preference for them.
In what kinds of work are
openings usually found in England
by the Associates? - please inquire
about this.

If you were to come here,
the openings would be there: (1) I might
establish you as a Universal Surgeon
& Physic, say here or in Wolverhampton,
which, being sea-air might be
better for you, & might get you the
agency for some mines. (2) I might
try to get you on the staff of the
Geol. Survey or as a lecturer in the
New Science School at Leicester, also in
our Science School here, if anything
takes Harrington from me. I have
a good chance in these things &
would be well that you should
take some direction, or at least

a first place in ~~my~~ ^{my final examinations,}

Suppose we immediate
opening, what would you think
of staying another year to take
an additional course of Metallurgy,
or of going to the Technical
School of Zurich for a year, and
getting up French & German and
Science subjects there.

I do not precisely know what
bearing your passing in Parliament will
have on competition for the Forbes' Medal;
but I suppose you could not take
that of your part into the account. The
Award. You might however com-
pete for one of the other medals.

I do not know whether I
have satisfactorily answered your
questions, but knowing the
circumstances so much better as
you do, you may perhaps be able
to interpret my advice.

Wish my thanks ever
Dear of your welfare; may God bless and
protect you. Ever your very faithful
W. Dawson