

Kamouraska  
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Dear George,

We were much  
glad to receive last by  
the receipt of your letter  
from the Luis Buites, which  
came in a comparatively short  
time, and so some much  
newer tidings, for which we  
are all very grateful, and will  
wait hopefully for more full  
letters which I hope will tell  
something of the nature, aspects  
and structure of the said  
Buites and other things in the  
region, which should now  
be one of great interest.

Our stay here is ap-  
proaching a close, as we shall  
go up on the 1st Sept. At  
this moment Mamma, Anna  
and Rankine are at Bois a

a little & Ketching, too, and  
I am here with Eva alone.  
The Congress, Mr Selwyn, Mrs Par-  
ker and other friends are here,  
but most of them leave next  
week.

My work in the vacation  
has been mostly writing, except  
some collecting of Pennsylvanian  
fossils in the curious conglomer-  
ates of the so-called Lower  
Potomac here, which seem  
to have pebbles of everything  
from the Laurentian upwards,  
and sometimes limestone  
boulders with fossils. There  
is written out the U.S. of a popular  
lecture on Carbon its friends and  
enemies contemporaries & successors,  
which I shall call the Dawn  
of life, or something of that kind,  
and hope to publish next winter.  
I have also written out six  
lectures for New York in the  
connection of Religion & Science  
which I am to deliver at



Christmas. As you see I have  
not been idle, and after  
return to town I am to  
take a few days up to  
the Ottawa to inspect me  
of the original localities of  
Lorn.

There is very little favorable  
news to tell you. Poor Dickson  
Anderson has lost his wife  
by typhoid fever, there have  
been quite a number of fires  
in Montreal, and the dry  
weather has caused the  
out numerous fires in the woods,  
failures of Montreal houses  
in the grain trade have been  
numerous, and the Quebec  
Ministry seems to have broken  
itself up by a stupid  
dishonest job celebrated in  
the newspapers as the "Farmer's  
Sand = swap". Sir W. P. Ayrton  
has just left for England.

his health requiring change,  
and his business affairs  
requiring attention there. Selwyn  
went to N.S. but was at-  
tacked ~~at~~ with rheumatism  
& had to return to Montreal,  
but intends to go back in  
autumn. William writes  
cheerfully from Cape Breton  
and seems to be learning  
a good deal of railway  
work. Rankine is grinding  
up for his matriculation at  
college, and Anna & Retchen  
as usual. The Am. Association  
Meeting at Hartford does not seem  
to far as I have seen to have  
done anything very noteworthy. There  
are of course no news yet of the  
British Association. The death of  
Phillips you have seen. Percheron  
succeeds him as Professor at  
Oxford.

With all love, and prayers  
for you safe and happy,  
I remain your loving  
father  
G. D. Weston