

Traveling in
Switzerland
deciding on further courses.
he thought well of Paris - 3 yrs.

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My dear George,

I am getting on pleasantly
through Switzerland, & find travel-
ling very agreeable.

I forgot to mention that
I found your memorandum before
I left London, & went to the opti-
cian you mentioned. I found however
that the thermometers he has at the
price he advertized were common-looking
things mounted in ordinary tin cases
and the max: & min: separate; so I
think the ones I have got will be the
best for your purpose.

I do not know what your ad-:

dress is now but will address to
Montreal.

I hardly know how to begin to
write to you as I cannot attempt
to go over all the things I have seen.
I can only ~~say~~ say that I am
getting along very nicely and
am following the programme I
made out pretty nearly. I find it
of the greatest use to have something
of the kind drawn up beforehand,
for even if the route be altered it
is a matter of little importance.

I have not changed it at all ex-
cept in going from Lausanne to
Berne by Avenches instead of direct.
I am hurrying a little, as regards
time in order to get to Zurich as
soon as possible, as since I have seen
the course at the 'Ecole des Ponts et
Chaussées at Paris I feel exceedingly

tempted to go there, but wish however
to see Zurich & before deciding. I
only wish I had you here to ad-
vise me what I had better do.
I must say the course at Paris
seems both exceedingly thorough &
at the same time very comprehensive
as it takes up ^{bridges, common roads,} railways, canals, har-
bours & many other branches besides
geology & agriculture & also architecture
& it seems to me it is just such
a course that would be most useful
to me in Canada where one must
know everything. The time is three
years which is rather long but still
I would learn very much more there
I think in three years than in two
at Boston.

I must close now however,
as the boat leaves in a few min-
utes.

with you ^{my} ^{dear} ^{brother}

Your affectionate brother

William.

Dear Sir
Detroit Aug 14

I received your letter this
morning. We
have been here several
days and are to return
on Monday. Cape Sable
and have thus far
heard of no more.
I have seen them in
a little number of some
from Western work I have
received reports of
several. Ever yours

W. D. Allen
I should say I am
to have complete report on return