

Notes August 15th 1877.

My dear George

Last evening as the whole family, save William (who has gone to Munny Bay to do some geology for paper), sat on the verandah admiring the new moon & a beautiful orange-coloured sunset, your two letters were brought. The one written from Caedstream, the other dated July 22. from Kumlaps - it was no small addition to our pleasure to read your letters & to hear of your welfare up to so comparatively late a date.

When I last wrote we were on the

line of welcoming William, on the
 following Tuesday Papa returned from
 Nova Scotia but to my disappointment
 Rankine remained in Pictou to pay
 a visit to the H. Pimms, & instead of
 staying one week he remained two
 & W. was off before he came back; still
 I hope he may return ~~with~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~together~~
 for a little while before we go to town.

We have had a grand discussion
 about Eric's future, but without
 troubling you with all the pro's & con's
 I want to tell you that we have
 decided that she shall remain at
 home for the winter & have matters for
 the different branches though he must
 necessary go he, with a proper programme

not to be broken in upon even by domestic emergencies, & if she studies & practices faithfully she is to be allowed to visit Europe next Summer. Now I tell you this now that you may keep before you the possibility of your being her Chaperone. William has already seen something of Europe & when he finishes his course in Paris might get the offer of employment & at any rate ought to hold himself in readiness for any opening. your father has no wish to go but will be induced to do so on E. I. account.

Mr. Selwyn intends to go to the Paris Exhibition & may or may not take one of his sluffs with him. if he does Bernard wd like to be that one, & he intends to ask Mr. Selwyn to lose his intentions in the matter.

had the Exhibition be an additional inducement to you? Please think this carefully over. During the winter you will take lessons in French Conversation, one of the branches we are preparing for you together with beginning the study of German &c.

We have had almost uninterrupted fine weather until Friday of last week when an Easterly rain storm set in which lasted for three days, but again it is fine although cool.

Papa & Kimbark are out dredging & being Bernard is geologicalizing. Anna was going to write to you but was so overcome by sleepiness that she is taking a rest, but will write tomorrow or very soon. Eva & the Majors are out boating. Mrs. Carpenter returns to town on Thursday much disappointed by her stay here.

With much love dear George & very grateful thanks for your interesting letter

affectionately
Mother