

Montreal May 10<sup>th</sup> 1842

My dear George

We have not heard personally from you yet but were glad to receive news of the safe arrival of the "Meyrick" in the hope that she had carried you with her in health, well rested after the strain of preparation. We follow you with prayers & hope that your mission may be well prospered & justice & peace be established between the nations. There we go on as you may picture - Hope to pull off enterprise that he has already seen every thing & been everywhere in a radius of several miles. He was deeply disappointed yesterday to find that Will had gone to



look after a bridge at Jamaska without  
 telling him as he wd. greatly have  
 liked to accompany him. Last week  
 he went with Bernard to St. Andrews  
 for two days & enjoyed the change. Eva  
 has settled down with me as of old  
 & I fear that, to me, the past two years  
 will become as a dream from which  
 I will be suddenly awakened to the  
 reality of the final separation. We have  
 not yet had a talk of how long this  
 visit is to last. I do hope that Hope will  
 allow Eva to stay & go to Miller's with us  
 for in this house there is ever this & inter-  
 ruption to plans, while at the seaside <sup>usually</sup> it  
 is quiet & peaceful. So far as I understand  
 he wd. himself stay were it not that this  
 most reliable foreman is ill & if he is not  
 soon able again to take charge he ought  
 to return & assume some of his duties



but that like all other problems will  
work itself out in time.

Anna herself will doubtless tell you  
about the photos taken before you left,  
but I may say that we all consider  
both yours & hers most unusually successful  
& I am delighted that this is secured of  
your appearance at this stage of your lives.

Will I tell you that at the time of the  
presentation of your father's portrait to  
the University, the Committee of Management  
prescribed me with a photo of the picture  
nicely framed. It is in the same style as  
the photo of you, just exposed to, & seems as  
soon as well should I throw off the paper  
as if from the original. We are passing  
through a long season of dry weather - the  
skies bright with great alternations in tem-  
perature. We long for rain to bring forward  
vegetation & lay dust. I am this in  
ceaseless pursuit after domains, fortunately



the all temporary jumbles we have  
 hangs on from day to day, but if I do  
 not get a class girl before Clara goes to  
 England things may come to a stand-still.  
 I have been told in explanation of the  
 reason why so few emigrants remain  
 in Montreal that any artisans that come  
 cannot get work unless they join a trades  
 union & this costs from \$20. to \$30. a dum  
 that not many of them can afford. So partners  
 with their daughters - brothers with sisters  
 pass on to Upper Canada or the N. W. A  
 matron of the Emigration dock told that last  
 week, one vessel left seven girls here while  
 25 went on. I wish some one wd stir up  
 more intelligent attention to this matter in  
 England. Accept our most loving good  
 wishes as a family & my love as  
 yours affectionately  
 Mother