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Cromford

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Dear Howard

I am glad to
hear you are so full of
business, trust it may continue
thus with you.

I came here last Saturday +
being bank holidays trains were
somewhat irregular, in fact the
Scotch express was ⁱⁿ 1.30 pm. late which

brought me late into July
& necessitated a walk from
the latter to Crumford - a rather
long Sabbath day journey.

The worst of a slave life the

Whynep is that it takes such a
time to go there & back in fact I
spent no less than 5 whole days
& nights there! On the
return journey I called at

Governess for a few hours & strolled
for a mile or two along that road

of the Calvernia canal which is
here very pretty indeed though not
sparky fine. Governess is
rather a picturesque town. From
there I travelled by night to Perth
& so to Edinburgh where I had
some business & after that was
done Willie Hoyle & I went off to
a place along the Forth where we
met Mr W. S. with Mr. & Mrs.
Beutham (nee Sharp) who had gone
on ahead by coach. We spent
a delightful aft. here wandering
along through the woods of Dalmeir

House (St. Rosebery's place) until we
came to the spot where they are
now busy building the Forth Bridge.
This will be a huge structure + as
ugly as big: however let us hope
it will be safe. They are taking
advantage of a small rock island
in mid stream but even with this
the bridge will be a great length on
either side + has to be 150 feet
above high water mark.

If safe it will be a great convenience
in travelling north from Edinburgh +
the experience of the Tay Bridge will

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surely make them build it with special care. One mathematician has already published a paper to show that the section will be unsafe, which is cheering.

Edith looked pretty well & bright though Willie told me that she had been very poorly lately. I thought the letter looking rather depressed & am very sorry indeed for him.

I was very surprised to hear or rather to see the announcement in

The paper of Leonard's marriage:

Willie Wolfe told me only on

Saturday that it was not

coming off for some little time

yet (that is for a week or two he

thinks). I had heard nothing

definite about it. He has

kept it somewhat dark + doubtless

it was a very quiet wedding.

I am glad that he is settled

down as it will be time more

good than anything else.

This means I suppose that something

definite has been done with regard
to Old Trafford or he would
scarcely have ventured on such a
step.

Do you know that Fred Stevenson

is saving as a quaker to Hill

Hill! He is getting on well +

this must be a very fair post in

the teaching line.

I don't think on trip in

September will at all hurt

Cecil though I am so unwell

I must trust myself that I

shall have to remember that it is

not the same with everyone
else: as to Dalgry's my risks
there were chance ones & such as
are not at all likely to occur
along the Rhine. Don't you think
he could stand an average walk of
20 miles per day! That is all we
shall do when walking & for
several days out of the time we
shall be riding (steambot etc). I
don't think the heat will be much
greater there in September than it is in
England in July. Anyway we will
be careful & I am much obliged for
your hints. Yrs W.S.S.