

an opportunity may
not occur again -

If at the end of the 18
months I see no
prospects of being
successful I shall
be ready to shift my
course to something
else - but the knowledge
I shall have gained
will always be useful
& valuable to me.

Yr affec son
Arthur R. D.

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Dear Father

I must believe
that you would like me
to lead a useful life -
I have now a great
opening - an opportunity
of working & earning in
the most interesting
& useful business (I
think) there is -

Mr. Compton has written
saying it would be
a pity for me to leave
his works to lose and
proposes my going there
until the 18 months
are expired being 6 or
7 months longer -

therefore I have settled
to go back to - - -
and try and make
the best of the time -
I cannot think you

will not be glad
to hear this and will
not facilitate my
getting on & being
successful - It is the
only course I have
been preparing for and
do not see any eligible
alternatives - You
have already
acquiesced in the trial.
It is of great importance
I should not lose
time & how - Such