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My dear Mamma,

Last night your letter of 3^d reached me and this morning the D. G. M. which I forwarded to Mr Nash. I saw Fogarty yesterday; I don't think he had anything particular to say. He does not seem to anticipate much Parliamentary work this year. In the evening Livezey and I went to Mellows promenade concert at Covent Garden theatre. Carlotta Patti was the chief "star" she sang four songs amid tremendous applause.

While there I met Grubb, formerly
of T.C.D. engineering class, two
years senior to me; he is working
for Mallet an engineer who has
invented some new Iron Ordnance.
Grubb told me about some of the men
of his class whom I had known.

Scott (C^o Wicklow) is now professor of
engineering in the College at Calcutta,
Dickinson on irrigation works in
Spain, Jamieson and Goghehan
have turned brewers, Clarke engineer

on Castlebar of Ballina hui,
Fair in India, Smith left engineering
and gone into India Civil Service
and getting on well, another man
gone out on £1000 a year to superintend
the erection of some machinery in
Abyssinia to be out there for
three years! I called on and
sat for half an hour with Forde
this morning who takes rather a dismal
view of engineering prospects in this
country and suggested sheep farming
in Buenos Ayres or New Zealand as

The best look out!

I had a letter from uncle Willie this morning enclosing introductions to Heman and Hassard.

Love to all at Postevon.

Your affectionate son

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Francis E. Prendergast.

P.S. Blair has had and "lost" another assistant this summer!