

that economy, so common in Scotland and in the north of England, which prefers discomfort to a little extra expenditure. In those days, before there were railways in the north, travelling was costly, and the poor man must stay at home, trudge on foot, or, at the best, must be content with the outside of the coach. Even in the inside I found the November night miserably cold, and learned that in the winter I might expect to suffer as much from that cause in Scotland as at home. In the morning I awoke from an uneasy sleep, to find myself in the High Street of Edinburgh, amid loud voices speaking in broad Scotch.

On arrival, I was received most cordially and hospitably by friends, to whom I had brought letters of introduction, and proceeded at once to enrol myself as a student in the University. As no entrance examination was required, I took out a ticket of matriculation in order to obtain the privileges of a regular student, although I proposed to devote myself entirely to studies in natural science. In addition to the general course of the Pictou Academy, I had a fair knowledge of the elements of chemistry and of physics, and could thus profitably enter on special studies. Besides attending lectures, I spent much time in the