

in the same class as my
Uncle Wm Blood (in wh. they
were both first Honour men)
& who was many years senior
to William & me, is the only
one who seems to have kept
or made at Geometry: & as you
know he has no appetite for
its applications to physics.

Jellett more than once regretted
to me, though a student, his want
of geometrical facility — for he
was the soul of candour. He told
me he had entered College in
~~October~~ Michaelmas Term, rising
a class & could ~~not~~ never make
up for the want of the training in
school & in College on the Euclid
works — to wh. then the first year was
chiefly given up. He had great
facility in all symbolical work
and had

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Dear George 13/21

I enclose copy of a letter
which I deplore finding myself
placed under an obligation
of writing to Proctor. Many
of his letters were in bad
form, but I entirely disregarded
this; for men that I esteem
most highly — for instance
Mauwice — have written letters
that I think in bad form.

But it became a different
matter & one which I felt
that with any self-respect I
could not pass over, when I
disbelieved my word

The lectures I refer to was a course on light delivered by Jellett, and were I think the first lectures he delivered after he was appointed Professor. The men who attended them with me were I believe Cathcart Gilmore Carmichael & Benjⁿ Dickson. Of these I think Gilmore is alive. I don't know what became of Cathcart. The other two got Fellowships & are both dead. I had hoped that Williamson attended this course, but I fear not, for he dropped out of my class into the class below, and I am pretty sure it was in this session (i.e. 1847-48) - that

the lectures were delivered & so he was then reading for Moderatorship. The rest of us were on the Fellowship bench. 13/21

I have often regretted that Williamson gave up his Geometrical work. At that time Dublin & Paris were the two chief schools of geometry, & of geometrical methods in Physics. Williamson & I were the two best geometers that had appeared among the students for some years, & of the two Williamson was I think the more elegant worker. It is a great pity that he turned altogether in other directions afterwards - of course I cd. do nothing on account of my busy life. Salmon who was