

9 Canburch Place

30th January 1871.

Dear Georgie

I duly received your very welcome letter & also your article on "Foraminifera". It is very interesting, & must have taken a great deal of careful study. I remember seeing the pencil sketch of your specimens at Burntisland. They look first rate, but I must confess I would have required, no one short of my learned Cousin himself, to help me with the unpronounceable names by which he designates them. I am so glad you like the drawing, & only wish Auntie may be as

easily pleased. I hope the stamps
were all right, & gave you no
further bother. We have had
hard frost here for about a week.
The ice is very good. Last Saturday
we had an afternoon's skating
on a small pond a little beyond
Craiglockhart, of which we had
sole possession, as no one else
seems to be aware of its existence.
I feel rather stiff to-day in con-
sequence of the exertion.

William & I had a Toffee making
the other night, of which we
send you a specimen & hope
you will like it. We have not
yet succeeded with the colour
of the red, as you will see, but
I intend trying until we do.

you do not tell me how you
spent your Christmas holiday,
or whether you went to Rockdale
I hope you had the thorough
rest & change which, I am sure
you must have been very
much in need of. With much
love, Believe me

your affectionate cousin

Ellen.

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