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Dearest Mama,

As I have just informed Nina so I inform you that we have now been a month from home & only received one letter just think & pity us, & we have written so often.

I have in papa's absence been seeing up the sights of London. I once more visited St Pauls cathedral, it is magnificent, they are only now finishing the ceiling it is white & gold when finished it will be exquisite they are also getting up many places with frescos & mosaic pictures one of these last is completed it cost ~~not~~ £800 only think of that & there are lots more to do, I believe the architect himself prides for this one

(I just discover that I have begun
on the wrong side of the paper I am
sure you wont mind)

I have also been to the Kensington
Museum the paintings are
the principal things & they are
exquisite oh I could spend hours
before one picture instead of in
that time looking at hundreds
some of Landscapes are splendid indeed
they are all so, as to the paintings but
I do not so much care for the ^{mere merit of} painting
as the subject. but to see a beautiful
subject beautifully treated it is de-
lightful I do not care so much
for Landscapes as for figures the
former all fall so far short of nature
all are so emphatically picture
however well treated. but faces
^{groups of} figures you can (if well done) trace
the character, almost the history
of the individual I love to do so &
that is why I hate to be hurried
along let me see but one painting

to my satisfaction & it is better than numbers glanced at. But to return, one of the chief beauties of the exhibition is one room full of the miniatures of celebrities & noble Lords & Ladies, there have been I understand contributed by the nobility.

I have been in the underground railway but — it is only like a tunnel only that every two or three minutes you come to a station which is light.

Papa returned this morning from Scotland George is well contented Frederick Wainman is all fait at angling & there is some fish to be caught at Berwick so you see he is employed. He sent me one of the sovereigns Agnis gave him & I enclose his note from Musselborough.

We are to leave tomorrow at one o'clock for Paris I am sure we will

have a splendid time. I have been
out all the day with papa getting
pass-ports french gold etc etc.

I will try & write William a
short note but - if I don't tell him
that really I have no time I am
in the run almost continually.

We will not be able to write
often from the Continent for
papa says they often go astray &
cause much trouble.

Kuntz-fam wants papa to let
me stay all winter of course I am
duly thankful but - delighted he has
declined the honour. Dr Bigsby says
he has a spare five hundred pounds
which he is going to send to you
instead of me, so you see my dear
mama I can not have behaved
very badly.

Give my love to "the College politicians
in lieu of better" & dear little Frankie
& Eva kiss them for me

your ever loving daughter
Anna