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My Dear Mamma

Last week's letters were unusually late, not arriving till yesterday, & thus having been a fortnight & a day on the road. As the Steamer (Westonian I think) is the last for the season I dare say she has been detained by Ice in the Lower St Lawrence.

Yesterday I had to go off calling in the afternoon, & payed visits to the Rais & Ramsay's. Mrs Thompson was at home & I had a little talk with her. She is very kind & pleasant & not at all fidgety as she keeps up quite

her own share of the conversation.

Her son I suppose you know is engaged engineering on the line of the Intercolonial Railway, somewhere in New Brunswick ever so far from civilization. They hope he will be able to pay them a visit here this winter when the work is stopped. He has been away 3 years.

I saw Mrs Ramsay & she desired me to thank you for the copy of Papa's speech & sent kind remembrances.

We have had steady cold weather for some time past, no snow but sharp frosts at night, & so the skating has been good for several days, & great numbers on the ice in the various parks.

The Christmas holidays will now soon be here. I am not sure whether we get

a week or a fortnight at the hibernian
Laboratory. I have only a week as it is
horrid having no regular occupation.
At any rate the library will only be shut
for a few days, so that most of the time
I will be able to resume my last years
habits & go there to read. At present what
with laboratory work & 9 lectures a week
I cannot do more than keep my notes
written up to date. I have several things
planned for the holiday visits to museums &c
which I have now no time to make & hope
I will not be bothered with too many
invitations. Phillips has kindly renewed
his invitation to Liverpool, & wishes me
to spend my holiday there but on the
whole I have decided not to go.
You ask where I usually get my lunch &c
Generally at a shop in the lower part of
Regent Street, not two minutes from the

School of mines. I almost always have
a cup of coffee & a round of butter costing 62
If extra hungry or having spare time of course
I get something more but usually find
this quite sufficient.

My new coat is a dress coat. I find it
a great convenience.

The Prince of Wales has been very ill for
some time, & of course his illness has been
a general topic of conversation & interest.

The last accounts are a little more favourable

Yesterday morning everyone was busily
expecting to hear of his death.

With best love to all

Your affectionate Son

George

P.S. A good Idea. I saw the other day in a
confectioners a lot of half range skins found
full of clear jellies, white & coloured. It looked
very nice & was new to me.

GMD