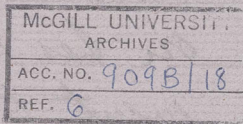


Cuscuta jurtina
Two feet is almost
38 but looks 68,
short but with
very fat air they
thin. Has a few
but does not play
on it.
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London Dec 12
1869.



Dearest Anna,

I wrote last Friday
to Papa, & hope he has received the
letter safely; about a lecture at the R.I.
the secretary saying that he could have
one of the Friday evening lectures, which
last only for an hour, ^{for which} & nothing is
allowed but the expenses, such as
moving specimens to the hall, &c. This
offer being a favour as many would like
to lecture if they could get the chance, &
all but three are definitely promised, &
for these three about 20 are looking. Papa's
answer to be here before the 15th of next month.

I got a letter from Christina last
week very kindly inviting me to Scotland
to spend my Christmas holidays,
but intend to decline, on reasons which
I have already written to you. She
also gave me the address of a P.B. "hall"

near here, where he said I was
sure to hear something good. Acting
on her recommendation I this morning
went to try & find it. I walked up
the street, looking for the number
& presently arrived at it, in the
shop of a milliner, with a large
piano plate in the door. There are two
sets of numbers it occurs, & this was
quite at the wrong end of the street.
Being already late I passed on in the
same direction & went into the first
Church I came across, which
happened to be St Stephens Eaton Sq,
& heard a very decent sermon.
I will make another attempt to
find the P.S. place some Sunday soon,
and in doing so will no doubt
delight you.

I have now got through the "reactions
for the acids" & am going in to the
"detection of one acid & one base", which
I hope to finish before Christmas,
& afterwards begin "Quintessence".

We have only for Christmas
holidays, from Xmas day to the
Sunday after New Year; at the Laboratory
but there will be, I think an interval
of a month without any lectures, which
means free evenings & hardly anything
to do at home. This will be
awfully jolly as I have not found
time to read anything, of the volume
which I brought over with me.

Please don't say that I write irregularly
as I have for a long time written
every Sunday & posted the letter
the following (Monday) morning, in
the most regular manner possible.

I have received & accepted an invitation
to dine at Sir C Lyell's on Xmas day
a family party.

I sent some time ago Papas introduction
to Jones, & have lately received a note
from him, enclosing one, of introduction
to Parker, but as I did not know
his address, I had not called
on him. Yesterday, however, at

Drawing, one of the second year
students, (who I suppose to be Mr Parker
son) introduced himself to me.

And asked me to come & dine
there to see Mr Parker, next Wednesday
at 1/2 past 5. I had to accept
of course, though rather a bore.

I cannot write more than one sheet
more time, as I am going to send
some Xmas Cards to you all.
& do not want to pay more than
double postage. Please to accept
all the good wishes which they
express, & many more besides. Give my
best love to all at home & don't
forget yourself & Believe me your
ever affectionate Brother

George M Dawson

N.B. The cards to count as letters.

P.S. Perhaps you had better not send that
to to Sophy if she has gone home, as it
might look invidious. Please send that
addressed to Mrs Stewart when next anyone
writes to her.

P.P.S. I will send one extra, which you may bestow on anyone
whom I have forgotten, with my best regards. If you don't think
of anyone just at present.

Many thanks for the album, & etc