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papers - visiting the
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Mary thanks
for "Men Women
& Ghosts" I have
not had time to
read it - much
but will send an
opinion when I do.
If you see Mrs
Vernon please thank

her very much
for the people upon
"à la crème" which
she was so kind
as to remembering
me by.

May 1st
1870

Yours
guide

My Dear Anna

I am afraid my first
duty will be to apologise for not
writing by last mail. But we
had such an excursion last
Sunday in search of Mrs Frasers
that I was too tired to write them
as usual, & was not able to find
time during the week. & Then
perhaps this letter coming by an
intermediate post will be
acceptable. Mamma & Papa
have now quietly settled down
here (20 Halsey St) that is to say
if you can call it quietly when

Some great excursion is on
hand every day. From most
of these I am debarred, as, of
course I have to go to the Laboratory
as usual every day. But then
I see them every morning, & am
at home with them in the
evenings, or when they go out
often accompany them.

Saturday before last I was at a
Reception of the Royal Socy, at
Burlington house with Papa. I went
to take care of his table of specimens
of plants when he was not there.
Mamma did not go as ladies were
not admitted. There were a great
many interesting & curious
things to see, which I will not
begin to enumerate.

Last Friday I went with Papa

& Mamma to a Soiree of the
 Geographical Socy at Willis's Rooms.
 It was quite a gay & festive
 occasion. The rooms were all
 hung round with huge maps of
 newly explored parts of the world
 & there were tables covered with
 photographs, sketches, & illustrated
 books of travel. About 10 o'clock
 the rooms became pretty full, ^{who} & after
 wedging round for a few hours
 left about 12. Last evening
 we spent very pleasantly dining
 at Mr Macmillans (the great
 publisher) He came for us about
 two o'clock & we spent the
 afternoon in his garden playing
 Croquet &c. He has a very nice
 old rambling house, about half
 way to the Crystal Palace,

one side completely covered with
 Loyer, & full of long passages
 uneven floors & ∞ But very
 comfortable I should think to
 live in. There were only one or
 two people besides the household,
 which seems however to be
 immense all sorts of relatives
 besides the Macmillans themselves.

One of the guests was Mr
 Lockyer who has made so many
 great discoveries in the sun lately
 he seems to be a sort of compound
 of Dr Hunt & Mr Daniell, &
 played croquet with the
 greatest interest & skill.

The course of lectures on Physics
 begin tomorrow, from which

time till about the end of
June I will have lectures
five days every week.

Papa Mamma & I have been
this morning to Mrs Spurgeon's
Tabernacle & have heard him
preach. He spoke very well &
seems to have got over a great
deal of the roughness which it
was said characterised his
sermons at first. He is not at
all however possessing in
appearance, rather a low browed,
thick-set sort of man.

I suppose some other great
excursion will come off this
evening & I don't know whether
I will go or not. But tho' it
concentrates in Westminster
abbey perhaps I may

I hope you are getting on all well & comfortably at home & not missing Papa & Ma very very much. But at any rate it will be a great treat when they return.

Please thank Eva very much for the maple sugar she sent me & Rankine for the stamps.

If the letter is not too heavy when Papas piece is added I will send you a beautiful portrait, (meant for me) which got cut out by a man on the Woolich boat a few days ago for the small sum of twopence. The one great feature about his portraits were that they would do for anybody.

With Very best love to yourself & love to Rankine Eva & William
Your affectionate
Georg.

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