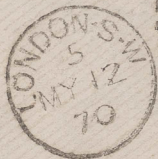


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I shall write you for the table
of the week. I am not to be
written for as yet but I shall
write to the father I had hoped
to make a note to his name
but I am not to be written
he really is very interested
in the study of the R.

Am included in
the letter which wishes I
should be papa & I
shall remain yours
affectionately

Brother
Invitations
de
fairly interesting

has
two very welcome letters April 11th & 15th delivered
by the same post I do not remember to
have asked him to thank you for
them. I am sorry to say that the English
mail is not in for this week, which
makes it less cheerful to write to you. Besides
between papa & George it is as easy to
write, they monopolize the daily occurrences
& I cannot write an "essay" or "meditation"
on men & things. This hurry & scurry life is
far more oppressive than any amount
of home duties. Some days I am thoroughly

was out. I have the prospect of having
the opportunity of seeing the working of various other
efforts here. Captain Lytton heard of papa's
views & called shortly after me came,
to ask him to speak at a religious meeting,
which happens here at present. Learning the
kind of things I wanted to know about
he has made arrangements with Admiral
Frobisher who is connected with the "East
London Missions" to take me to some of
this sort. He also spoke to Miss Perston,
one of the ladies named by Mrs Chatterton,
of me & she at once wrote most kindly to
me inviting me to go to lunch & asking me to
meet her at Mrs Maitlands to hear Lord
Raidstock preach to some friends in his
drawing room last Sunday afternoon. Papa
& I went together. Mrs M's very large drawing room
was filled - we heard thorough Acute teaching

not without abuse of the Church. Miss
Peston unweaved his invitations, & accompanied
her this morn. when she goes to speak to the
nannies engaged on the Thames Embankment
& return with her to lunch. Not on the
eve. of the same day I had a note from Mr.
Redpath saying she wd call this morn. at 11. C
on her way to Brighton. As I have had some
troublesome correspondence with her about
getting silk for her, I had reluctantly to give
up my engagement with Miss P. It is just
as well for me because that night's squeeze
at the base of the sac: of lites has left me much
in need of a rest. I have seen Mr Redpath
& must give the remaining quiet hours before
must close to writing. Miss P. is a pretty high
looking girl with a very good looking mother.

We took lunch yesterday with two charming
people Mr & Mrs. Gladstone to whom we were
introduced by Mr. Byles at the "Geographical

'Dag' since. They have a lovely house in
a beautiful square. Mr. P. & his brother Scientific
gentlemen — Sputum Analysis their speciality.
They have four daughters from 4 to 12. On
Sundays they have Sunday teaching for the children
of people in their own class of life. Mr. P. takes
the young gentlemen in this dining room. Mrs. P.
the young ladies in this drawing room. Mr. P.'s brother
the boys in the library, & a young lady friend the
girls in an upstairs parlour in abt 120. Lucy
Alice Hamblacks niece. Father is in a similar position
attnd. I have got a most kind invitation
for Perry to join Mr. P.'s class. I do pray I may
succeed in persuading him to go. It is only
a walk of about one mile across a
most lovely part of Hyde Park. Each Sunday
evg. he invites four of the gentlemen & remains to
tea & takes an opportunity in the course of the
evg. to speak to them individually alone in
the most informal way he can devise. He
has had these some of these classes four years

I have also bought you three wady made
pittivous - (white) had there I think and my purchase
here as I do not think you'd cheap. I not know
the Character of the shops am apt to be cheated
Papa continues to be very busy with scientific
men & things. His exp. before the Royal Socy. was
extremely successful. Mr Charles Lyell told me this
had been nothing equal to it this season. That
General Sabine, the President, had followed
him from the lecture room to the Socy to express
his admiration. The Duke of Argyll sent a
note of apology because he could not be present.
Atogub's Papa's reception only to gratify
& satisfy. Jan'y he reads a paper before
the Geological Socy that he promises
to take a few holidays until he has to
prepare for his final appearance here on
the 27th before the Royal Institute. On Monday
at Mr Ch. Lyell's there was a brilliant dinner party of 20.
More or less distinguished people. We are invited by
Mr Hooker to go to Kew tomorrow. I look forward to this
as a great pleasure altho' Mr H. is as stiff as starch as
the flowers will be charming. Calv. as is.

great pleasure to hear from you. Notwith-
standing your calling this last ^{letter} "stupid" I find
it bright & charming. bringing you before me
with all your fresh cheerfulness. I wish
a longing to speak face to face with you again.
I am much pleased to hear of the kindness
of friends to you & that you are enjoying a little
change. It wd be so much more appropriate
to you, ay than mine, all this rushing about.
I intend this ^{fall} to be last appearance on "my public
stage" I no doubt I shall learn much, & I do
not think I shall learn to love worldly society
for the only real pleasure I have had has
been in my interviews with those people.
Even in the kindness of Lucy Lyell, who is really
a charming woman, there is a hollow ring
unlike ^{even} Collier's words, ^{which has more charm} from one with a living
soul. A very few days after ^{writing} your letter of the
29th you wd I hope receive our first letter, as
we got in, in time to write by the Thursday "Alban-
line"

In your letter inquiring of that which was
too late to acknowledge - last time I wrote
you tell me you are pleased with your
green walking dress & that you have delayed
finishing your overcoats until you see what
is to be worn. Supposing it were finished I
did not mention it; indeed the weather
continues so cold that bellets & even fur
jackets prevail. My brown cloth jacket is the
only thing I have suitable. I miss my white dress
so much. At an exhibition of paintings yesterday a
few young ladies wore palerines, much the same as
those made last summer for my walking dress. (Silk)
but black. Striped silks largely prevail both
as the st & in shop windows. With trembling
I enclose a pattern of the one I have long
for you - I have got mine made very prettily. Square
cut & half sleeves shd be the space & you prefer
mine of course you are welcome to it. I have
also got gloves wholesale. I may send a sample pair.
They are the very best quality. I trust they may fit. I did my best

has heard is a Cab driver, then fetched
him & his Cab & I drove off to meet paper
& we went together to the House of Lords.
just in time, as on a previous visit, to see
the "rise". Instead we went to the gallery
of paintings of Modern living Artists. I came
home at 8. having had no dinner & dis-
gracefully tired. Lately I hope to return. Calls
from Mrs Rae - wife of Mr Rae of North
Pole (celebrity) - Mrs Lytton (who called
invious to receiving Mr Cassel's kind note,
Mrs Ramsey - Prof R. of geological Survey) & Lucy Dyck.
a course of ten miles. I am very sorry not to be able
to send dear kind Mrs Carpenter some word
about her friends, but have seen nothing of any
of them. Mr C. has been busy with preparations
for the opening of the Gallery - today - Please write
my love - make the best you can of it. We cannot
find any such address as given to us by Mrs
Baynes on the maps & much as I should like to see

his friends it is doubtful if papa will let me
make the attempt.

I feel as if I had been an eye in London
we are spending a small fortune on Cabs
& other incidental & of course I am anxious
to see as many of the interesting public sights
as I can & look forward to the quiet in
Dorchester as more agreeable. but I feel
to remain till August will be most
irksome to me. We have not yet spoken
of our future plans. Papa is too incessantly
busy. We are both of us thence & all looking
them when we left Montreal. I intend to
try to persuade papa to stay a little longer
than he intended, to visit Mr. Pether & what
succeed is quite another matter. Geo. is
near taking my work on the Survey, than if offered
to him, but it shd. unfit him to begin fresh at
the School of Mines next Autumn & seems to wish

We have also accepted an invitation to
dine with the Huxley's on the 26th. Mrs Huxley
is amongst the pleasantest women I have
met. She has seven children. Tomorrow
we dine with Mrs Bayard. An especial
treat. She is both good & clever. I have
lunched twice with her. Yesterday afternoon
I went with a Miss Ainsworth (I catch)
to her mother's my. There were upwards of
70. women & about 20. babies. She lutes altho'
life as quiet as possible wth distinct m^u
athematics. It was conducted much the same
as ours. When Miss A. concluded her lesson,
without a word to me, she told the women
she was done. I w^old say a few words to them
hurry come so far to see them. I remonstrated
in vain. So stumbled out the best that
came to my mind. One of the ^{mo}whos

I think about 120. As now thousands many
of them scattered over the world. All these
are pledged to communicate once yearly with
him & to tell something of what they have
done for the Lame. Is this not delightful!

I have an engagement to meet a
Miss Samar at Mr. Bigsby's on Saturday
morning. She is going to take to Mrs. Ranyard's
"Reception for Miss". I wrote to Mrs. Ranyard
to tell her I was coming & she has answered
most kindly & asked me to be prepared to
say which day papa & I will dine with
them. To you see your dear papa's name
is a talisman which opens any door for me.

If we only had time & strength we might
dine & lunch out every day, but hitherto papa
has worked as hard as at home. He has
a little cold & does not look well. Tonight
he delivers the "Biblical Lecture" - a marked

distinction I understand. I making the
very evident that he is better known &
more appreciated here than in Montreal.
I fear, I fear, what the effect will be upon
me if opportunity offered. fortunately there are no
open doors.

Mr. Pouch is a fine intelligent little woman
reads French & German. It is really charming altho'
living alone & without a family has made her
a little egotistical in small matters. Papa
goes to Manchester tomorrow to return Saturday
or Monday. We dine with Mr. C. Lyell Monday,
when I intend to wear my new dress which
looks very pretty. altho' I have not tried it on.
I have been to a dress for years. I am not sure
that I can see I got a pattern this time. I
fear! but I did my best. Tell me how Mary & Eliza
behave. I shall be tempted to buy them more
or less according to behaviour. Kind remembrance to
them all. Blackwell's expected situation was
filled by some blunder before his arrival & he is
looking out again. Is it not unfortunate? Mr. Birdwood's
children have Cartes pres. be careful when the children go

to be with me. but if papa wd stay
til July - F. Ct spend the remaining month
with some of my friends & I should return
with papa - however papa must decide
all this his own way.

About Mrs Pickard, if she wishes to go I wd
by no means try to persuade her to stay - no doubt
she will be useful in her own sphere. &
if the arrangement is entered upon before July
it is not a very serious drawback to our work
to drop the inf for two months during summer.
I wd be watchful to find another worker in
her place. I wrote to Miss Dunn before I heard of
this I have not time to add to my letter.

I rejoice with dear Mrs Arber. I hope it
will all prove satisfactory. Give my best love to Miss
McDonald. I wish I cd write to her but I never in
my life received so many notes & letters
- has 5 boxes 3 yesterday & Monday - every day some
it surprises me - they seem to come from the most
unexpected quarters. I need hardly add that I have written
at Exeter's train speed I am sure her mind over
look words & letters. You must guess at the meaning.
With much love I ab. govt. with prof. from
Hume