

London May 8<sup>th</sup> 1870

My Dear Anna,

As I have had so much running about during the week & as Mamma & Ber. propose this afternoon to go to St. Pauls to hear a certain Mr. Liddon, whom somebody told Mamma about — I have stayed in this morning, & take the opportunity to write to you.

Papa has gone to Manchester for a day or two. He left here last Friday & is to return tomorrow (Monday).

Last Thursday evening his paper at the Royal Society came off. There were more people than generally attend the meetings of that society, in fact

quite a good audience, who  
seemed to listen attentively & be  
much interested. In the discussion  
which followed Sir Charles Lyell &  
Sir Roderic Murchison, both spoke  
very highly of it.

On Friday as Papa had to leave for  
Manchester I had to go to the  
Rooms of the Royal Socy to pack up  
his fossils & select a box of them for  
exhibition at his lecture at the  
Royal Institution. In the evening  
Mamma & I went to see the House  
of Lords. Sir John Rose had written  
about us to Lord Granville. So that  
on sending in our cards to him  
we were ushered from one usher to  
another up a long series of passages  
& stairs to the anteroom of the House.  
Lord Granville was very courteous, but

unfortunately the house had just  
risen; so after obtaining an order for  
another day we went to the Westminster  
Station of the Underground stopped at  
Baker St & spent the time till  
9 o'clock when we were going to a  
lecture at the Royal Institution, at  
Madame Tassands.

As from all these engagements I  
was not able to go to the Laboratory  
at all on Friday. I went there on  
Saturday to make up & in the  
evening went with Mamma to the  
South Kensington Museum.

As I was looking through the desk  
(Papa's) to find the piece of paper on which  
this is written I came across a small  
envelope neatly sealed up but with no  
address. I opened it & found it  
to contain a letter for Papa. Written  
by Rankine last summer at the  
Bay. Evidently when Papa

Gaspé, & which it had been forgotten  
to enclose. Rankine no doubt must  
have wondered at receiving no  
answer. It contains an account  
of a great fishing excursion in which  
"O'Hara Hubert & Jacky" went out in a  
boat. O'Hara & Hubert between them  
we are told caught 160 fish. Which  
would make exactly 80 each. & leaves us  
to suppose that "Jacky" caught none. While  
Rankine himself whether in the boat or  
not it is impossible to determine caught  
"about 70". The date of this remarkable  
document is "July 29<sup>th</sup> Thursday"

"May"

Mamma is writing tonight & I am  
tired & cannot write more even though I  
had anything to tell about. So please  
excuse me till next time & believe  
me with much love, to Youssef, William  
Rankine & Eva your affectionate mother  
George.