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My Dear Anna

The mail was exceedingly late last week, but I was glad at last to get your nice long letter on Friday evening. It told all about Xmas doings & was just best to being at home myself to assist in them.

Have you heard any echo of all the late noise & talk about Spiritualism & Psychic force &c &c. A certain Mrs Crooks F.R.S. entered into an investigation of it & came to the conclusion that there

was something in it". In fact became
a convert, & wrote an account
of his experiences in the Quarterly Journal
& Science of which he is editor. Of course
everybody laughed at him, & Dr Carpenter
took in hand a more complete reputation
in an article in the Quarterly Review.

Dr C. however was very personal
& writing without signature always makes
reference to, & displays implicit confidence
in, the works of Dr Carpenter. Everyone
knew that Dr C. was the author &
altogether the affair was in very bad
taste. Crookes profiting by the opportunity
has written a little pamphlet - which is
bound up in the end of the Great Journals
of Science, in which he handles Dr
Carpenter quite unmercifully, & Dr C

not being at all a popular man
gets little sympathy, & "Psychic force" rather
profits of the whole affair.

Jan. 17. I have just got your charming
letter from Kings, you seem to be enjoying
yourself very much & I am sure the change
will do you good, & also refresh Williams
for his work. On ~~Sunday~~ ^{Saturday} I had an
opportunity of seeing Mrs & Miss Phillips.
They are up in town for a week or so, &
I have got lodgings at No 5 in this street.
They came in here to tea & stayed a while
after. Mrs P. is very pleasant sort of
person, active, tall, thin & talkative.
Miss P. quite the reverse, not very short-
but very stout, slow & very short-sighted.
I had a letter from Ward this morning
enclosing a list of Ranges in time for
a geology for schools which he is writing
with a request to look over it. This I will
do on Saturday. Ward is to be in

town himself for a week towards the
end of the month. It is one of the great
disadvantages of being as I do here that
I am unable to show hospitality to friends.
If I were coming to London another winter
I would certainly go into lodgings.

I got on Monday a note from Mrs. Car-
penter inviting me to dinner there on
Monday next, & am glad to find that
Parker is going also. Young P. H. Carpenter
is a very nice fellow, & very clever. He
holds a scholarship for 3 or 4 years
at Cambridge & is going in for the
Natural Science Tripos there.

If still at Kingsley please give love &
best wishes to all, & not forgetting

yourself

Believe me

Yours very lovingly
George

