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My dear Anna

I was very glad to get instructions at last about the microscope stage. I was trying to think that I would have to carry it home again with me. Holidays are now really over. Lectures begin again tomorrow. Laboratory is pushed to the time for reading arrived.

I don't remember whether I told you that Prof. Huxley is to resume his interrupted course on Tuesday next. I hear his trip has quite set him up again, though his recovery at first was rather slow. I am glad he has managed to get

back in time. There were rumours
that he would not & that somebody else
would finish the lectures for him, which
would have been very awkward.

I see Sir W Lysons's benevolence noticed
in this week's Nature. I was delighted
to hear of his intention. The College seems
very well off for friends.

I had an invitation from Mrs Lyell to
a sort of Kettle drum - from 4 till 7 -
Unfortunately I have two lectures on the
day, & though neither of them fell
exactly on the time I thought it would
break up the day so much that I
declined.

I hope I won't have to see too much of
Messrs Harcourt & Armstrong for
as nearly as I can judge the Army Exam.
will just fall about the time of their

arrival. Another unfortunate thing
is, that should the lining team come up
at about the usual time Nat. Hist. &
Aff. Mechanics will both be gone, or
almost - to the very day.
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I have just this morning received a whole
batch of letters & papers, & Lord Bantam.
I am very glad to know that Mamma
has got over her illness so easily.

I had to go to the Lyceum afternoon party after
all. On Monday morning I got another
note saying that if I liked to come late
& stay to dinner they would be glad.

To kill several birds with the same
stone, I started rather early in the
afternoon from the School of Mines, & in
the first place went to Ross's & left the
microscope stage. They said they had been
expecting it some time - so I should have
thought. I then called at St. Byrby's

I was glad to find him in. Lastly I
went to the Lyells. It was really a very
slow affair. Stopped into a rather hot
crowded room to get coffee or tea. Then
after a time adjourning to the drawing room
& having some songs & music. I had seen
some of the people before but hardly knew
them at all nor could I think of anything
to talk about to them. I did not stay
for dinner but excusing myself left
about 9 o'clock. Please excuse this
horrid scrawl. Something is radically wrong
with my pen.

With love to all

Your affectionate Brother

George



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Party at the Lyell



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