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My dearest Anna,

We have just returned from
lunching with the Gladstones &
were detained there so long that
I fear my letter to you will have to
be short in proportion. There are
five girls in this family & no sons
All very nice girls but stout & not
very pretty. Three of them are coming
out with their father to Canada.
But I must go back to last week
so as to give you a connected account
your doings. You know that Katie
was here last week so the few days

that she was here, I spent most of
my time with her. They left last
Saturday for Paris where they will
remain for some weeks. then on to
Weisbad in the Black Forest.

On Saturday we went down in the
morning to King Langley to visit a
Mr. Evans whose speciality is flints.

He has a lovely place - a large house
& beautiful grounds & a very number
of collections. Science seems to be
more remunerative in this

Country or else it is a luxury
only indulged in by the wealthy

We were surprised at the number

a variety of his collections. One thing
that interested much was a great
number of old wedding rings with
curious mottoes & couplets engraved in
them. He also had old Roman coins
& bronzes, china, glass, minerals, cutlery,
spoons & indeed a little of almost
everything. It was a nice bright
day so we enjoyed it very much.
On Sunday we went to hear Dr. D.
Frazier preach. We saw him last
on the road fr^m Jerusalem. Then in
the afternoon he & his wife called
& sat for hours. The ladies in Canada
& the west was rather pleasant.
Then Louie Campbell came in.

we asked him to stay to tea as Mr & Miss
Keiper were coming. They
are in town for a few days & we
like them both very much. Miss K.
is very delicate but seems a little
stronger than she was in autumn.
On Monday Frankine took us in hand
& we walked through the park to see
the riders & sat there some time. Then
we went on to the Academy exhibition
of pictures. There was such a
crowd that it was almost
impossible to see anything but
the people. Still there are some
very good pictures & we enjoyed
being there. Then we called on

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the Supers at the Grand Hotel & had
to check in there & a very pleasant
chat. Tuesday we went to the Bishop
& arrange about some things & then
drove down to the House of Commons.
We had got an order for seats in the
Speaker's gallery & we spent all the
afternoon there. We were in a small
gallery next to the ordinary ladies
gallery & there were only two others
there. Unfortunately these two were
quite as ignorant of the men as we
were so we could not find out who
some of the speakers were. Still we
were able to recognise some & were
fortunate enough to hear Gladstone
Sir P. Northcott - Hastington, Cross,

Fitz Maurice, Ashmead-Bartlett, & others.
It was all about the franchise.
In the evening Pope read a paper
at the Victoria Institute & there was
a large audience - We have now
quite a large circle of friends in
London & we were surprised to find
how many people there were there
whom we knew.

I am writing so fast that I fear
you will have great difficulty in
reading this so must not make
it too long. To-night I dine at the
Macdonalds (of St. Columbia) & Mother &
Father at the Caegills - E. morning
we dine with the Moffatts.

We are now making our arrangements

for leaving on Monday morning next
for Edinburgh & have promised to
go to Mrs. Scotts on the 26th May.

I know that the Bells will think
this shocking but it cannot be
helped. Papa remains here some
days later than we do & has to
stop at Liverpool to ship his boxes.
I hope that - you will excuse this
shameful scrawl & with love to all,
Believe me

Very affectionately yours
Eve.