



24 Hyde Terrace

Leeds.

2 May 1877.

My dear Farnington

I ought to have announced
you of my hearty congratulations
on the happy event announced
in the paper you sent us much
earlier than this; but we have
been away from home, & the letter
has been delayed in consequence
from day to day. Still I hope
it is not yet too late to tell you
how very pleased I was to hear
that you had inaugurated your
father's work, and with a son.
Would you bring him up in the
way he should go, and keep a
sharp look out on his grand parents

lest they spoil him! It is ^{an opportunity}
a way they have. - So you see
also convey my best congratulations
& wishes. - Mrs. Lee tells me she
has been very ill, which, as you
may be sure, I was extremely
sorry, for both your sakes, to learn.

I trust now she is quite recovered.
You will observe that I am writing
this in the "Pungular". - The
reason is that Mayall pro-
jects a letter of her own, & though
I have only respect for myself.

I said we had been away from
home - when the Easter vacation
began we started of from little
house among the hills, and
stayed there a few days. - From

thence we turned our steps down
wards, & took Vaucluse, & the
Leamington & North Rowing.
They were all new places to the
wife, & she enjoyed meeting their
acquaintance much. We stayed
in London about a fortnight
but did not see much, as the
season had scarcely begun -
our chief occupation was shop-
ping, for we had a great quantity
of goods to purchase &
complete our double furnishing.
We have yet six weeks of labour
before the song begins, & there,
it will, we shall be to assist
to procure -
do not bear at this time we have

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for the busy days of the
 for some - you cannot think
 how the day of the Sabbath
 is now - it is not so much
 as you had to accomplish in
 the mean time - ~~it is~~
 the day of the day coming over here
 the Sunday before last - I
 should like to be informed if
 they do - When does William
 Jackson's session end? The
 "Eastport at Change" will
 still find him in support.
 And is a new bill notice of
 your old Billings of the report
 of the Biological Society's Annual
 meeting & address of the President.
 It came to me this morning -