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My dearest George

I am very sorry to have been unable to answer your last letter but somehow the past week has been a busy one. In regard to a present for Anna knowing, as I do, that your aim is to give her what she would most like, & having come to know of a thing she really wishes to have, I have taken it upon me to act for you, & will I hope have it in readiness for your approval & abandonment of the paper.

Again I have to trouble you with

a letter fr Calman wh: if you will
 be so kind as direct me how to answer
 I shall be obliged. Am I right in thinking
 that an application has ^{already} been made to Prof
 Rücker for a form of order wh: to apply
 for the sum granted for the work Mr. Calman
 is doing? — if so, it has not been received.
 Please tell me if I shall write to Rücker or
 wait longer.

John further continues much as he has
 been for some time past. Will has done
 what he could to brighten him & has also
 helped me with a number of small
 household difficulties, & also some troublesome
 letters. He starts like the P.M. train to-day.
 Altogether his visit has been both useful
 & pleasant. He is very very thin but he
 seems

After tomorrow, which is English letter writing
day, I hope to have a few quiet days before
Xmas as I think, Anna having done all
my purchasing for me, I have very few pre-
parations now to make.

The nurse is now waiting to mail
this for me so I close with loving
greetings from
~~mother~~.

Monday 29/12