

Raukue

~~Wags~~ EMPIRE CLUB

4, GRAFTON STREET, PICCADILLY, W.

wednesday

Nov^r 18th 85^e

My dear Father,

we reached
London, again, last
night, thus bringing to
an end another voyage,
which on the whole has
proved at once inter-
esting and enjoyable.

If I sail again in the
Tasmania, as I at present
purpose doing, I shall
leave on Dec^r 3rd, a fort-
night from today -
Thanks very much for

2) your notes, which
reach me from time
to time, the latest rec^d
the morning of Sep^r 25th
that of the paper and,
have also been received
& thoroughly enjoyed &
appreciated, especially the
weekly Digest, which give
an excellent summary
of our - George's photo,
and by the way, I found
avoiding me here. It is
certain, the last I think
he has ever had taken, &
I thank you for sending
my note - I must also
acknowledge a letter from
Anna. (Sept. 18th), which I
was pleased to get -

3/ London seems to churn along much
as usual - Parliament dissolves today
and voting will begin very shortly -
However, one sees few signs of the im-
pending crisis except in the newspapers.
The result seems at present entirely un-
certain, but will probably be pretty well
known in ten or twelve days - Abroad,
the Bismarck business is most fortunately to
be handled in a firm & orderly way,
reminding one of Pitt or Palmerston's days,
rather than the sort of thing we have been
accustomed to lately - The War in the East
may I suppose lead to almost any
unexpected result.

Amongst new things, I notice some new
and quaint Christmas cards, of which
I must try and send some samples
to Mother -

Weather here is bright clear and
exceptionally cold at present - The
R. Colonial Instit. has moved into its fine new
quarters, which are most commodious & hand-
some; & many other improvements are noticeable -
As I suspect there are later home letters than
any I have yet rec^d, awaiting me at
the P. O. office or docks, I shall postpone
writing at greater length today -

Ever your affectionate Son
Franklin