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Dear Mamma,

I have had young Nov. 5th
some days.

I have been very hard at work writing
out the "tables" all last week, but have
now finished, and will go back to
regular laboratory work on Monday.
It takes a long time to write them
especially as there is so much ruling
to be done. I wrote them in the
library which is attached to the
Laboratory, and as several others
were doing them at the same time,
we kept each other company.

Dr. Bixby asked me to go to dinner
with them, last Monday. Mrs. Bixby
is much better. After dinner he took
me to hear one of the "Monday

"Popular Concerts" at St. James's Hall.
The music was very good, though
there was not much variety. There
was a great deal of good violin
playing. The best performer being a
lady. It looked so curious to
see her in low neck & short
sleeves playing it.

Yesterday being my half holiday
I had to employ it in going round
with some of the last of my letters
& calling. I went first by bus
to give a letter Dr. Carpenter had given
me to Mrs. Robson, who perhaps you
remember, he said had lease &c.
When I found the house, however,
it was empty, & "to let" in the
window. I asked the person in
charge, but she did not know, where
they had gone. I intend if I have
time to call at Carpenter & Westley's
and ask if they know, but I

dont suppose they will. Perhaps Dr
Carpenter may know their new address.

It is impit-ant, as besides a letter
of introduction to him, I have an
envelope of letters for him, with, "No
doubt you can keep this till you call on
the Robson's" written on the corner.

I took full advantage of the "nohurry"
but would of course like now to deliver
it as soon as possible.

To resume, I then went to call on
Mrs Lyell, who I had met, as perhaps
you remember at Dr Lyell's, & whose
son lent me my present copy of *Franklin's*
Chemistry. She also asked me if I was
at the Zoological gardens to come
there & have a run? From there I
went to Dr Carpenter which is only a
few doors off. He was out in, but I
found what his hours at the
university are, & can call on him there.
Next I went to the Daves's (the first
time I have called there), & they seemed
very glad to see me, & asked all

about my work, Conspire &?

I then found my way home by the underground railway.

Today I have been to Church twice first to the Chapel of the Royal military asylum, for soldiers of peace. It was very galling to see them all come marching in, & taking their seats. There were four or ~~five~~ five hundred of them, from about four years old to perhaps twelve. They have a short red coat with black facings & black trousers. There was no organ, but a few of the instruments of their own band lead the singing.

In the afternoon by way of contrast I went to the Chapel of Chelsea Hospital, & there saw all the old pensioners, in such queer uniforms & hats. The Chapel there is quite handsome, & has a lot of old flags, & banners, taken in the Peninsular & Burmese, & other wars, hanging round it. In a perfectly tattered condition.

Excuse my most present, &
believe me your affectionate con-
fessor.