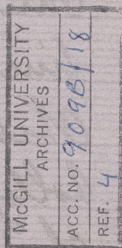


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Patristic Church &
Very pleasant!



Dear Mamma,

Today is the last day of laboratory work before the Christmas holidays, which are however of very limited duration, only from tomorrow till the Monday after New Year day. It will however be quite a change & perhaps afford me opportunity of seeing some more of the "lions". I went last Sunday evening, for the first time to one of the Patristic Churches, & really it was very pleasant, I heard there, a sermon more like, those of Lord Cral, or Mr Baynes, than any I have heard here yet. It was exactly in the same style, but perhaps more refined, & educated. All the congregation joined heartily in the singing, & at the close the translation of the Dies Irae was sung all kneeling.

The weather here is as mild & open, as
can be, lots of rain & dark days, but some
fine ones, & no frost. Quite unlike
Christmas time. Every place is fully
holly, even the hawthorn carts & all the
shops decorated.

The Parkers seem
to be a very nice family, Father, Mother,
one son in second year at school & mines,
two young ladies, one Rankine, & some
youngsters. - I hope you received safely
the letter (addressed to Anna) with some
& some cards, which I sent Monday
before last.

The lectures have been
over now for some days & do not begin
again till the first of February.

I will send by this mail a copy of
Nature, with some things interesting to
Papa, & many interesting to William
(some under unlikely titles); I will send
the number of Nature in which the
report of the meeting, at which Papa's paper
was read, is in as soon as it comes out.

With best love to yourself, Anna, & thanks
to W for his letter, & best wishes to all.

Believe me your affectionate son
George M. Dawson