

London Nov 13/70

Dear Mamma

Many thanks for your last letter, I was sorry however to hear that you had not been feeling quite well, & hope that at any rate by this time you will have quite recovered. I am afraid that you do not take sufficient care of yourself, & too much of other people. That is to say that you overtire yourself running about Benevolent, Homes &c &c too much. Please let those sort of things slide rather than do anything more than you are able for.

Yesterday I went off in the afternoon & paid a visit to the Dauss, I should have done so long before this. I found

Dr & Mrs Davis both quite well.

We enquired kindly after you &  
Dr D was begged to be remembered to  
papa. I have not yet gone  
at all to the Gladstones, I don't like  
the office of paying visits of condolence,  
& at any rate do not think it at  
all likely that after his wife's death he  
will carry on his class.

Wednesday last was Lord Mayors day,  
but was very unpropitious, as there  
was an exceedingly dense fog, more so  
than any I have ever seen, & even  
Londoners owned that they had rarely had  
it so very thick. I had to go into the  
city, & between the dense fog & the  
crowds collected for the Lord Mayors  
show the confusion was tremendous.  
The most disagreeable part of it was  
that the fog was so smoky that it  
made your throat & eyes quite sore, just  
as when you go into a very smoky room

For about an hour in the afternoon,  
in the Jermyan St Library it was  
so very dark that you could not  
read a word, & this before three o'clock.

The Library is not meant to be open  
at night, & there is no gas in it,  
so that we had to get along by the light  
of two or three candles. The traffic was  
almost suspended in the streets  
for a time.

The eulogatory lectures I have now  
been going on for about a week, &  
this gives me a little more to do, not  
a bit too much however, though I  
think like the man they tell about  
I must have lost half an hour  
at some previous time, & I have never  
been able to catch it up again. I always  
seem to be in such a hurry.

I think were I at home I would  
probably agree with Profs Cornish & Johnson  
about the ladies classes, they will  
make ever so much more work for Papa  
& unless very carefully introduced

will tend, I think, to lower the tone  
of the university, at least if any  
such plans are taken, as those at  
such places as Miss Symans  
wind-bag establishment. Smattering  
of history, or literature are well enough, but  
smatterings of science are sharp at  
each end.

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Nothing more to add, & no  
questions I think in your last to  
answer. So with love to yourself  
& all at home.

Believe me your  
affectionate son  
Geo. J.