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we saw them there must be a
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from Paris. They seem much
pleas'd with our new dress.

Dear Madame -

There is absolutely nothing
to write about, everything goes on in
its usual train: The weather has
become mild again & we have had some
fine days, though many wet ones,
& many quantities of wind.

I saw the other day a street being
made by the aid of a large steam-roller.

The macadam was first laid down,
& then the whole street metted. The
roller then passed up & down over all
parts of it a good many times, men
meanwhile sweeping sand &c over the top
of the macadam, & when this was finished
the roadway was as hard & firm
as possible.

It seems strange to be constantly
meeting french people in London, as
one now does. There must be a
great many over here, especially
from Paris. They seem mostly to
be women, though now & then you
see a man who has preferred a safe
retreat in England to serving his
country, at home. I have not yet
found out what it is, but there is
something in their appearance, which
enables you to distinguish them
long before you hear them speak.

The newspapers are again
enjoying a brisk season, on account
of the cropping of the "Eastern question".
They must have made a great
deal of money this summer with
the continuance of exciting topics.

My usual routine now is as follows.

I start for Chemical Lecture at 10 at about
9.20. The lecture is usually protracted
till nearly 11.30 so that I do not get
down to dinner till about quarter to
12. I then have about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour to
read in the Library then I go out & get
bread. Then I go to the Biology room
1 to 2, & as soon as it is over
I go down to the other lecture theatre
for the Natural History which is from
2 to 3. There are generally some
specimens to look at or diagrams to
copy which takes up part of the remaining
hour, the rest of which is occupied
usually in the library. At 4
I have dinner. I then have about an hour
before 5, in which I have commonly
written out my notes & read the
notes & readings of the subjects & occupy
till tea time, which is not generally
written before the end of the day.

there is no chemistry, & another
no mineralogy.

If the last letter I got from Rankin
is a sample of his spelling, I should
say the subject was not well taught
at Mr. Carpenters.

This week ^{Sept 1} the mail is late, & I have
not yet got your letters.

The elections under the new school act
have been taking place this week, & a
good deal of excitement has been caused
by them. Prof Huxley was one of the
candidates for Marylebone & has, I believe
been elected. Several ladies have also been
elected in various places. Mr Gladstone

was a candidate for some part of the
town near his residence, but I have
not heard whether he has been successful
or not. I don't exactly see why so
many people want to get on this board,
for there is no emolument whatever
connected with it.

With much love to yourself Anne & all at home
your affectionate son
George.