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My Dear Annette

When I last wrote the weather was quite cold & for several days the fountains in the parks were frozen & skating going on. Soon however the frost gave way & now we have had several days flash & fog.

Lady Lyell's invitation for last night was to dinner & then to go with her to the other Lyells to the opera. I could hardly refuse without rudeness & so went, & had a very pleasant evening & am glad to have been at an opera

once. Especially as several of the very
best vocalists were there.

Sir Charles Lyell is looking very well,
even better I think than last winter.

Saturdays are the only days free
from laboratory work, & it is such a
batter to have to spend them running
about. For instance if I do all I
should do next Saturday this will be
the list. Go to the Bank. Call to see
Hugh Barker. Call at the Davis's when I
have not yet been. Call at the Raes.

Call at the Ramsays. I don't suppose
I can get all this done but if I don't
will have to waste another Saturday.
As it is I often put off calling on people
far too long.

Thanks for your & Annas graphic
description of Prof Armstrong's

will now be able to picture him
to myself. You must take care
that with so much Company you
do not overture yourself.

The Aurora you speak of as having
been visible on the 9th was also
seen here. Unfortunately I missed it.

There was also an aurora on the 10th.

I have no doubt William will
send me accounts of them.

The "Swiss Milk" you saw in London
when here is now reduced I notice to
7½d per tin & must be much cheaper
than ordinary milk, besides containing
so much more. The Londoners must
eat a great deal of tinned food.

The Australian meat has lately come
into prominence, & many shop windows
are full of it. It is in tins from 4 lbs

upwards, & I think the weather
Sells at about 6^d a pound. I also
constantly see quantities of tinned
Cohete, Salmon, & even oysters from
the U. States or New Brunswick.
for sale at very cheap rates.

Nov 29.

I received the colored intimation of
Uncle Primmer about a day or two ago.

I was not surprised by it as when
in Scotland he seemed so very ill &
the accounts of his health since have not
been favourable. Will it be necessary

or prefer to go into any mourning such as
a black one?

Your affectionate son

Henry

Please tell Anna I admire her illustrations
& papa's Devonian paper very much.