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My dear Mamma,

Last Friday evening I

went to the Society of the Quakers Club for  
an hour or two. It was a very good  
one. There were a great many people &  
any number of interesting objects & novelties.

I had a note from George Pinnerose  
last week asking me to spend Sunday  
with him, & enclosing a ticket for a musical  
entertainment at the Berkbeck Institution  
to take place on Saturday evening. He proposed  
that I should go home with him after &  
stay till Monday morning.

I went to the entertainment, & enjoyed it  
very much. It was given by the Violin Class

of which George is a member, & he  
assisted in two of the pieces. The music  
was not altogether fiddles however.

There were some very good songs by both  
ladies & gentlemen, some piano & flute  
music, & a couple of recitations besides.

The Berkebeck Institution I find is the  
original model on which most of the  
Mechanics Institutes &c were founded.

It was set in operation by a certain  
Dr Berkebeck in 1823 I think & has been  
going on ever since. There are classes  
in almost every subject, the entrance  
fees being very small. There is also a bank,  
& building Society connected with the  
same institution. The audience

at the concert was of a very mixed  
character but very enthusiastic, &

insisted on buying nearly every piece.

I went home with George afterwards & stayed with him till Sunday evening. He seems to have very comfortable lodgings. He is now alone having changed from his old place when Frederic came up to town. Fred you know was obliged to go home from illness, & though he may very probably return, will not do so for some time.

I will be very glad to make myself useful when I come home by bringing out anything you may want, but when I come to pack up I don't know how I am going to stow all the things I have already, so please don't commission me to get anything very large.

I see Camp Kettles in the windows here on various plans. One made of twisted glass rods, resting on a mirror below, & carrying a silver basket. others in gilt wicker-work.

I was prevented from writing as usual  
on Sunday & so am now at this before  
starting for the Laboratory. Please excuse  
the writing as it is very cold. We are  
getting quite a return of Winter for the  
last few days the wind has been from the  
North & quite as cold as at last Xmas.

I see my time is up, & so excuse this  
short letter, & with best love to yourself  
& all at home.

I remain

Yours affectionately Sir

Sarge