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My Dear Mamma

This weeks letters have not arrived as yet. The Easter holidays are now practically over. They really last for about ten days & lectures are suspended for that time, but the library is only closed from Friday to Monday inclusive, & I was glad enough to return to it yesterday after having experienced what seemed very like your Sundays in succession. Good Friday all the shops were shut, & it was a horribly wet day, & nothing in the world to do, even the Museums being closed. Saturday was a little better. I took the opportunity to pay a visit to Westminster

Abby, I went through the Chapels there.  
I had been reading some of Dean  
Stanley's book & so it was very interesting.  
I also went through the houses of parliament  
& saw the pictures &c.

on Monday I adopted your suggestion  
& went to see Windsor. The day  
was not at all promising, but  
fortunately remained fine with the  
exception of occasional showers.

It takes about an hour to go by  
train from the Great Western  
Station. The State apartments were  
open to inspection, & contain many  
good pictures, but being hurried along  
by a guide in company with a  
small crowd of people is not the  
best way of seeing them. Then I  
went up the round tower whence a  
splendid view of the country is to be

Seen. The Thames on one side, &  
the great park on the other with long  
avenues of old trees. You see a  
number of villages & towns. Among others  
Stoke Pogis. I had intended to go  
there but found that it was five  
miles along a very muddy road &  
So contented myself with looking at  
it. St Georges Chapel is another of the  
Shows, & is really very beautiful.

You need not be very much indebted  
to Mrs Armstrong for getting you  
anything at the Civil Service Co-operative  
for there are now plenty co-operative  
places where they will allow you to go  
in & buy anything you want without  
any ticket, & will in addition send  
it home, while whatever you get at the  
Civil Service you must carry away.  
There is one co-operative store at the

Lead of Sloan St where I could easily  
Get you anything, but please don't  
order anything very large for as it is  
I hardly know how I will get my  
things packed, & will have to forward  
a lot of goods train to avoid paying  
for extra baggage. As far as I can  
learn the Co-operative stores are not  
much advantage except in fancy  
articles for the toilet &c on which there  
are very large profits & which can  
consequently be sold cheap.

Ordinary goods are not much cheaper  
& very often worse than when got in the  
usual way.

With love to yourself & all at  
home, believe me

Your affectionate Son

George

P.S. Prof Huxley is expected back on Saturday &  
our lectures begin again on Tuesday next.