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My Dear Maamma.

Yesterday was the Mining examination, & having got it over I must begin to work at Natural History & Applied Mechanics in earnest. The latter Exam is fixed for the 22nd of June. The Nat-Hist is posted for the 29th of the same month - just a week after the Applied Mechanics. -

There were just eight of us in for the exam. yesterday. The questions were very fair, but in the afternoon

there were far too many questions
considering how much right-
written about each. One of the
many questions I happened to know
particular well, but some of my
answering in the afternoon was I
know very second rate. I wish
Examiners would find out how
much better it is to give few questions.
For instance for a three hours paper
to give 5 or 6 questions, & only allow
4 to be answered. Let each question
be pretty extensive, & not depend on
the memory of a single fact, or
number.

I was very sorry to hear of last
week's letters that you have been ill

again. I hope you will decide to go to
Nova Scotia, for if ~~given~~ the weather was
fine, the trip would no doubt do you
much good; besides being very pleasant.
However as Papa stanted I suppose
on the 20th. It will be too late to
advise either way.

I daresay you may have heard Miss
Lalk about - an old lady called Miss
Ballenger. She is I think about
87. Lately she has quite lost her sight,
but being a woman of determination
she has actually had an eye twice
perated on for Cataract. The first
peration was unsuccessful, but the
second, which took place last week
promises to do well.

May 30 I got a note from Mrs
Carpenter the otherday daty from New
Brypton near Liverpool - She desires me

to thank you for the beautiful bouquets,
& to tell you that she has benefited
of the voyage. The maple sugar arrived
yesterday, unfortunately rather
smashed by its railway journey. I will
take the first opportunity to give it to
Lady Lyell. I received just this morning
a note from Mrs Noble hoping that I
would at least find time to spend a
day or two with them at Aldershot.
Of course I cannot think of sparing the
time either at present in the midst
of the examinations, or when they are
over & I am preparing for my return
home. I got Papes letter of the Concord on
Monday. This weeks Canadian mail
is not yet in.

With love to yourself & all at
Home
Your affectionate son
George