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English church etc,



My Dear Anna,

The mail this week is uncommonly late, my letter not having come to hand yet. The latest mail previously has been on Saturday night, & now I cannot get any letter till Monday at any rate.

Yesterday our drawing examination came off. It lasted from 10 till 2 o'clock

& I have been somewhat occupied last week finishing some drawings which we had to give in & also looking over back work. The questions were read out & we had to copy them down. There were 7, 6 descriptions of drawings to be made & the first a

question on theory. We had to answer the first question, & were allowed to do four of the drawings. To pass first class the two last had to be among those done, & as I could not do the last I cannot get a first class. But as I did four others, I think right, I hope for a second class. Some of the fellows having done mechanical drawing before had of course advanced further than we who had only begun this year, & as the question was on their most advanced work, of course many of us could not do it. Only four I think have done it right. At the very time when I was at this drawing exam, Mamma & Papa would ~~be~~ I suppose, be embarking at Portland. I hope I am sure that they may have a pleasant passage, &

that I may soon be able to write
announcing their safe arrival.

Since I have been following your wishes in
reading a little bit of the Bible every evening
I begin to see through P.B.'ism. It
strikes me it is only the record of earnest
men from the English Church, & is fed
either by converts from that Church, or
by young people who being suddenly
converted, rush in & begin studying their
bibles afterwards & through those spectacles.

At any rate the whole spirit of the
New Testament seems to be against the
want of subordination or rule of any kind
manifested in that body. There even
seems to be some foundation for the idea
of a Chief over all the Church, for all
through the "acts" Peter seems to assume
that place. In fact that book might
be called a history of Peter.

The laying on of hands, celibacy &c.

which are utterly ignored as doctrines
of the P.B.'s are also expounded frequently
in the new testament.

The weather here has been beautiful
& springlike ~~for~~ some time
& the trees & bushes in the parks
have quite a green tinge from the
budding leaves. I suppose by the
time this reaches the same will
be beginning to be the case with
you.

With very best love to yourself
I all at home believe me your loving
brother
George.

April 14th

The mail has come unusually early this
week, so that I am able to acknowledge yours of April 8th

This arrives well for a fine passage for Mamma
& Papa & their early arrival. Which it is possible
I may be able to announce in my next. From
today (Thursday) till Tuesday of next week we have
Easter holidays at the Laboratory. Gnd.