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My Dear Anna,

I really felt quite at a loss to know what to write about, especially as I now have not my previous monopoly of London news, & so do not know but that I may be writing about something which Mamma or Papa has previously told you all about.

Papa is going to Erecht next Wednesday about some fossils, & Mamma is going with him as far as Aldershot where she wants to pay a visit to Mrs Noble. Papa will call for her on his way back & they will get back here either on Thursday night or on Friday morning. Mamma fears she will not be able to find

time to write to you this week.

I am sure I don't know how they are going to get time to do all they had intended to do here, for the time passes so quickly, & Papa seems to be almost as busy as at some while Mamma is I think even more so, especially in answering the great number of notes & letters which she receives.

We dined at Mrs Ranyards last Thursday. I dare say you have heard of her. She is a very pleasant sort of person & there were a good many photographs & things of interest to be seen in her

house. Her husband is a very nice little man & I suppose acts as a sort of secretary & corrector of proofs to his wife. They also

possess as soon as the age of 24
or thereabouts, who being an
only child is rather concited.

Of who, Judge Ranyard takes care
to inform you is "the youngest
member of the astronomical
society".

What a jolly row you are having
in Canada about the Red River
affair. All the witnesses are full of
it. You should persuade William
to join the expedition. It would
be such a fine way of spending
his summer holidays, & he would
see so much that is worth seeing
out in the "far west". His desire
for a peaceful employment would
probably not prevent him, for I don't
believe they will ever come to fighting
at all.

I have been looking out of the
window, & up & down the street

for an inspiration & as I have
 not succeeded in finding one
 I hardly know what to do, and
 still have this part to fill. Perhaps
 the best thing will be to leave it
 & try to add something before I mail.
 We intend to go this afternoon to
 Westminster Abby to hear Dean
 Stanley (Don't whisper it to Mrs Baynes)

May 18th.

This week's budget has
 arrived & after perusal I have sent
 it off to Maunsel at Aldershot
 I have just addressed a bundle
 of Natures to William, in
 which if you have time you
 will find some interesting reading

With very best love, believe
 me your affectionate brother
 George.

P.S. love to Rankine & Evan. I shall
 try to have my photo taken sometime
 soon.

From Lady
Aug/71

Speaks of his
Father's name
being there.

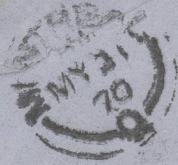
enclosed a
letter of Lady D.

WV madam



Miss Dawson.

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