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My Dear Anna

I am able at last to enclose my carte & hope you will be pleased with it. "Much ado about nothing". I have been sketching rather more than usual lately as we have had Ellen staying with us & I am supposed to be giving her lessons in sketching from nature. I am not at all pleased with myself & think I am improving backwards. It seems so hard to get anything to take but a vast expanse of sea & sky with a little strip of land, rocks, &c between.

Nothing of any moment has taken place since I wrote last. we have been taking walks I have been geologising a little & sketching a little, &

wasting a great deal of time
in mere stupidity.

We have had both Mrs Kemp
staying with us for a few days
last, & also Maggie's baby who is
a very nice little fellow.

I have bathed once but it is
such a trouble that I have
not repeated the experiment.

The water is very pleasant
& I think I really must
summon up courage to try
again. Mamma says she has
monopolized all the news but
as there is no news at all I don't
see how she can have done it.
Such being the case please forgive
me for ~~wasting~~^{wasting} no more time
in composition.

Believe me your ever
affectionate brother
George.

P.S. Love to all.