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My Dear Anna

The socks which you sent, & which arrived quite safely, I have tried, for several nights, & find them to be remarkably comfortable inventions.

I am already begining to look forward to the Christmas holidays, as the next event of any importance, I hardly think it likely that I will go to Mrs Reids, for besides the expense of the journey which would be considerable, I think I will have a good deal of profitable work in looking over notes, &c. The holidays too are very short, at the utmost ten days. Both Natural History & Mineralogy extend fast & meet

7 then Geology begins, which would
need considerable time to do it
justice, besides having the other
subjects to keep up.

With regard to the very solemn
question in your last, about the
advisability of a woman knowing
something by which to earn her living.
I hardly know how to answer, but
if in your case it means improving
yourself in painting, then of all means
yes. I consider you don't try some
oil-painting, I think it must be
very nice work. Also painting
figures, cattle &c is a very interesting
kind of painting I should think.

You will be "snowed up" no doubt
by the time this reaches you, & all roads
hard & clean for the winter. We
here are having a very abundant

of cold chilly weather, & rain. Far colder than Canadian winter to the feel. I had a letter from Mrs Dunscombe a few days ago, she has a little son of two months old, which she has very properly, & with total disregard for parental cognomens, called Sydney Herbert, or Herbert Sydney (I forget which) merely because she thought them pretty names.

The Eastern Question has turned of again, but I don't think will come to war, but either end in a conference or silent dropping of the question by Russia. Papers of all shades of politics here are united on the subject, & approve of Lord Granville's dispatch.

At any rate by all accounts it would not be hard, with Austria & Turkey to give the Russians another Crimean lesson. The Turkish fleet alone could

now bottle up every port in the
black sea, & take & keep the now
unfortified Crimea.

One ~~rather~~ disadvantage of living as
I now do at our guests, is that a
great deal of time is wasted in talking &c
& the only remedy is to sit up rather
late to finish your work.

I usually now go in for a loaf &
butter & a cup of coffee, for lunch &
having found several rather good places
to sitate between them. The cost
is 6?

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Thanks for your letter which arrived in
good time day before yesterday.

Nothing new to report,

With much love to yourself & all

Believe me your ever
affectionate brother

George :

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not planning to go
away for Xmas - but
to work.

Miss Dawson

Anna asks if Mc Gill College
advisable for women
to be able to make their
living - ?

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Canada.



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