

London Jan 15th
1871.

My Dear Anna,

Last night I was at Westminster Hall, & saw the Annual Inspection & presentation of prizes to the London Scottish Volunteers. Gray Pinner was beloved by the corps, & sent me a ticket.

It was rather interesting, & speeches were made by Lord Elcho, the ~~chair~~ ^{chair} colonel & also by Sir William ^{Manfield} Anstey. The latter however was not well heard, so that I cannot tell you what he said in his very interesting speech, till I see it in the papers tomorrow. A great many prizes were also given, for shooting &c. The corps is a strong one Anstey 749. Their uniforms are rather pretty

consisting of a kil-falaidh of a
grey colour. This afternoon

went to the service at Westminster
Abby, & by being very early managed to
get a good place, for once, inside the rails,
& heard & saw well. Sean Stanley

was the speaker, his text was the
last few words of the Lords prayer.

"For thine is the Kingdom &c". He said
they were not originally part of it, but
were well known to have been
added, though at what time was
uncertain. From this he proceeded

to argue that the words of scripture
should not be taken too literally.

& that parts such as this which
had been introduced by the universal
consent & approbation of the Church

possessed almost equal authority.

I don't care much for his preaching
he seems to be such a platitudinising
old fellow.

Jan 19.

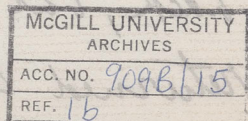
Many thanks for your such long
letter from Toronto. I am glad that
you have been enjoying yourself so
much there. I only wish I was in
circumstances to collect - so much
news, I write such long letters, but
unfortunately everything goes on much
the same, day after day. As you will
no doubt be home again now, please
tell Gramma that my byaqqals she
asks about, are getting on passably well
but very slowly. The cold weather
we had lately seemed to put them
back, but no doubt now that we have
returned to mud & rain, that they will

begin to grow again. You ask me
to tell you all about the various places
I was out at, during the holidays.
I think I did so at the time. I called
at the Raes the other day, & must be
desired to be remembered & warmed
& thank her for sending Papas lecture.

They seem to be very nice people.

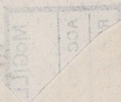
The double number of letters which
arrived this morning have taken me
so long to read that I have very little
time left to write, before I must go out
to get my lunch preparatory to
Quinorology & Natural History lectures.
There please excuse more at
this time & believe me your affectionate
brother

George





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