



London, April 3. 1871

My Dear Anna.

I have to thank you again for an interesting & long letter by last mail, & was quite astonished to hear that Mrs Baynes had arrived at the stage of being called Grandmother. You mentioned some time ago that O'Hara had gone into Pulsons Bank, & seemed to think that it was a very suitable place for him. Sophy seemed to say very much the same thing in her note. Why has he left College? & why do you think his abilities so small as only to suit him for such a post? I thought he was going in for a Medical Course. Thinky I was entitled to some dissipation after



the Mineralogy examinations.  
I yesterday started at the early  
hour of nine, for Wootlake to see the  
Oxford & Cambridge boat-Race. Last  
year I saw it about the middle at  
Hammersmith, so [this time I thought  
I would see the finish, which takes  
place just at Wootlake. I went by the  
Underground Railway to Victoria, changed  
there & went to Clapham Junction.

There I began to get into the crush of people  
& had some trouble in getting any ticket,  
especially as it was necessary to go  
to one station for the ticket & afterwards  
to another to wait for the train. I got  
one however, & after a few minutes managed  
to squeeze into a train. At Wootlake though  
so early the place was all alive with people,  
& crowds pressing toward the river, on foot  
& in carriages. The banks were densely  
covered with people, but I managed to  
get on a barge, of which a great many  
were moored along the course. The race



depended on the tide, & so the time is always slightly uncertain. There was a band, just opposite where I was, & so between watching the people, & listening to the music the time passed quickly enough. In about half an hour, there was a murmuring sound heard down the river, & gradually the became louder & louder till the boats appeared & the sound became a regular roar.

Cambridge was ahead & both crews went fast in beautiful style. Though the oarsmen seemed not to be quite in such good form as the Cambridge men, & to throw up the water a little with their oars.

You will have heard long before this that Cambridge won by about two boat lengths.

The instant the boats were fast, hundreds of skiffs & boats shot out from the banks & among the barges, & the whole river was covered with them bobbing about in the swell raised by the bridge. Timpres steamboat, & those belonging to Oxford & Cambridge, & holding their respective friends. As they



were all covered with flags, & bearing  
the dark or light-blue, it was a very  
pretty sight. Getting back to town again  
was rather more difficult on the whole  
than going out, as all the people of course  
wanted to do so at the same time.

The Train to Clapham waited about  
three quarters of an hour at Barnes,  
with another waiting in front, & still  
another behind.

Tomorrow is the Census & we have just  
been filling up that very inquisitive paper.  
I know you are to have one in Canada, but  
cannot remember whether it is on the  
same day as the one here.

April 6  
Many thanks for your letter just  
received. Easter Holidays are now supposed  
to have commenced, but I have come up to  
Jermyr St today as the Library is open, as  
it will reduce the length of those horrible  
do-nothing days.

Your affectionate brother  
Henry.

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what he thinks of work in  
banks



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Cambridge boat race in the Mill Colley

Montreal

Canada.

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