

London May 4.  
1871.

My Dear Anna

My letters came to  
Land yesterday, which is unusually early,  
I should think from what you say  
about the weather, that this year  
the season is quite as far advanced  
with you, as here, for though we had  
some very pleasant fine weather  
at first, for the last month or so  
it has been quite chilly, & very stormy.

The drawing examination, which  
by this time you must be tired hearing  
about - came off last Saturday, &  
it is very pleasant to remember



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that in future Saturdays will  
not be taken up with that Subject.

Last Monday was quite an eventful  
day in London, for the Exhibition of  
the Royal Academy, & the International  
exhibition were opened. The latter by  
the prince of Wales with considerable  
ceremony. As I was going up to  
Jermyn Street, I saw a great  
many people, dressed in their best  
driving towards the building. Among  
the rest the Lord Mayor, & aldermen  
in their State carriages. I do  
not think from all I can hear that  
this exhibition is likely to prove a  
great success. At any rate it is  
nothing like the former exhibitions  
called "International" & it is almost  
a pity to give it so presumptuous name



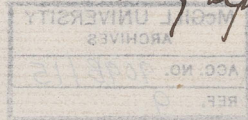
especially as the large French Court  
is almost empty.

Last-Sunday evening I dined  
at Prof Ramsay, with Phillips.

He did not say anything about  
Summer work, but next time I  
meet him I must ask him about  
it as I want to have something  
settled. The lectures on Physics have

begun, & also the Palaeontology. I am  
attending both, the Physics only however  
as a sort of pastime, as I fortunately  
managed to get through last year.

I passed through Covent-Garden Market  
the other day, & was astonished at  
the beautifull display of flowers, &  
fruit. Already baskets of ripe, fine,  
strawberries are for sale, though  
the price I suppose must be very high.





When you see Nina & Sophy  
Brown please say that I am  
very much ashamed of not  
having written before in answer  
to their letters, & hope to do so  
before long.

I hope to visit the academy next  
Saturday, & will try to give  
you an account of any pictures  
that may be worthy of remark.

I only wish you were here  
& could go to see them for yourself,  
& that I might have the benefit of  
your comments on them.

Your ever affectionate brother  
Leop.

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