

London Decr 17/91

Yours truly  
 George  
 Involutions -  
 Ready his tibland

been to open several  
 of them. There are 3  
 must put off starting  
 all in detail for  
 their kindness till  
 next mail.

My Dear Anna

Thanks for your long  
 letter received by Cunard. It arrived  
 just a few hours after that from  
 Maamma by Canadian line which was  
 posted in Montreal three days later.

I am afraid your chape is well  
 founded & that I am "growing Stupid"  
 for want of someone to keep me alive  
 However when I get home again I have  
 no doubt you will do all in your  
 power to cure me & I hope to recover  
 under the treatment. The reason I  
 do not go sight-seeing this winter so much



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as last is that being all day  
employed at the Laboratory I have  
no time. I am quite looking forward  
to Xmas as a space in which I  
may be able to do a little reading.

As well as so about a little if not  
too much interrupted by going out &  
consequent calls. Fortunately no invitations  
have as yet arrived. I have not only  
"begun to read" where you asked me  
but finished reading, having got  
through the acts. I am rather tired  
of the new Testament & propose going  
back to the old soon for a change.

The illness of the Prince of Wales has been  
the subject of great interest for some  
time past. He seems now to have got  
safely over the crisis, & to be in a



fair way of recovery. While he was  
in a critical state bulletins were issued  
three or four times a day. They were  
posted everywhere, in many shop windows  
at the police stations, telegraph offices, often  
at the public houses; & little crowds of people  
were constantly collecting round them. At  
Marlborough House the Mansion House & when  
the news was first posted quite large  
crowds gathered to wait for its arrival &  
then somebody read it out. For a time  
everybody was hourly expecting to hear of  
his death. They say so much popular  
sympathy has hardly been known before,  
& all classes seem to share in it.

Yesterday I paid a visit at Col Lyells  
& on my way across the park I saw  
a drinking fountain & was surprised  
to see the name of the donor as follows



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Cowasji. Jhangar. Ready. Honey. Eyr.  
Erected as a mark of gratitude to  
the British Government for the protection  
enjoyed by himself & fellow parsees in India.  
I thought his name the most original  
I ever saw.

I hope you will all have enjoyed a very  
merry Christmas & happy New Year Day  
by the time this reaches. This is the  
third time I have been away from home  
& I feel as though I had lost  
three Christmases altogether.

With very best love to all  
the Compliments of the Season  
Your affectionate Brother

George

Decr 21. I have received & accepted an invitation  
to dine on X mas at Col Lyells. I afterwards  
got an invite from Mrs Hurly & was sorry to have  
to refuse. Mrs Pteridge also kindly asked me to go there.  
I received this warning just as I was leaving for  
the Laboretary, (where I wrote this) about a sack load  
of letters, books, papers, &c & had not the time