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My Dear Anna

I had intended writing to you this morning but got up so late that I had to hurry off here to the laboratory without. I spent New Years day at Col Lyells very pleasantly. A small & not very ceremonious dinner party & in the evening a very well got-up Charade. The word was claimant & the third act brought in the Lubbock trial very well.

Yesterday this laboratory opened again & lectures began so I am glad to find myself again in routine order.

Oh! Last time I went to the Lyells

you write to ask who was there. So I
will tell you this to satisfy your curiosity
Col & Mrs Lyell. Miss Lyell. Three sons one
gone for his holidays from Chester College.
Two brothers called Colenso (I think) home from
Cambridge. Another young gentleman name
unknown. Two young ladies seen also at other
Lyells but did not catch name. Another
young lady quite unknown. Two maumas.
Also after dinner another mauma
a young lady little girl & boy. Spoke
about India as if they had been there, but
did not know name.
At dinner each person had a little gift
in their napkin. I found a box for
Cartes.

Your loving brother

George.

I write this at the laboratory with a
horrid pen; I now must get on with
my work.