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My Dear Anna

First I must mention the astonishing fact - that there have been two consecutive days without rain & the pavements slightly dry in places...!!!

Early last week I got a huge parcel of toffee & cocoa-nut tablet from Ella. She wrote to say she had sent it by some parcel to London & in due time it arrived. I wish I could give you a piece to let you see how capital it is made, fudge as well as any Confectioner could.

Wednesday evening last I was at a Conversation (? evening) of the Royal Microscopical

Society. I went through Parker whose
Father is president. It was quite a
simple sort of Soiree as there were no
ladies & no refreshments, save mental
& these were quite microscopical. The Comtee
decided to hold such quiet festivity
to save money. If ladies & refreshments
are introduced it costs about £40
more. There were some Capital objects
& splendid microscopes, & all sorts of
new dodges & devices. Parker
returned yesterday to "Bramham
College" to resume his teaching duties
there.

Ward appeared at Ferryer St on
Thursday, & I spent some time yesterday
(Saturday) looking over volcanic
rocks from Wales with him & company
then with the Cumberland Traps &

ashes. He goes down into Lurry
& stays a while with some friends this
week.

I don't know if I ever remember the
Canadian mails so late as this time.
The letters received in Summer on Tuesday
or Wednesday have not come at all
last week & now I can't get them at
earliest till tomorrow morning.

I have got through wet coffee at
the Laboratory & am now well on
with the dry assay. I am looking
forward to the good time when Laboratory
is over & I will get some leisure to
work up reading & am now sadly falling
behind.

I like Frondes Essays sent me }
Papa at Xmas very much }
indeed & have almost finished
reading them. Have you seen them?
If not you must when I come

Lower. Have I told you of the great ornament
lately added to the Museum. A huge
Vase 4 feet high & 6 in circumference
mounted on a porphyry pedestal. It
was presented to Sir R. Murchison
by the Emperor of Russia, & left by him
to the Museum. It is said to be
a turquoise but though very pretty
quartz there seems to be only a scale
of mica here & there.

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The letters got here Monday evening, but
this week we are not yet in. You seem
to be having capital times out at
Kinsley. I intend to mail to Maria
a calendar for the year from me &
Lady Lyell at Col Lyell's & was party, & no
use to me here.

Your loving brother
George

