

London March 24. 72.

My Dear Anna

We have been getting such
delightful weather here. Thursday last
it was very cold, & in the afternoon began
to snow very heavily. About 2 inches
came down & remained on the ground
till late through Friday. Then yesterday
it snowed again quite heavily at
intervals through the whole day, but rather
pleasant as it fell. It was quite
delightful to see the young leaves on all
the trees crusted over with snow. In
the South of England many of the fruit
trees are in bloom & so I fear much
fruit will be lost. Just fancy two

yesterday being the boat race day.

A good many people thought it would be postponed, but it took place notwithstanding, & I don't know that any snow fell during the time they were actually rowing.

Cambridge won again, for the third time now, but they have still a good many Otonian victories to make up. I need

not tell you, considering the weather that I did not go, in fact I had not any intention of going even if fine. Having seen it twice was I thought sufficient.

However many undaunted people did go, as I found to my cost, for I happened to get into an underground train which was packed nearly to bursting, all the seats filled, & as many people as could find room standing up between.

I had a very kind note from Ward
the other day, inviting me to spend my
Easter Holidays with them at Keswick.
They have the days just got firmament,
situated in a house a little way out of the
town called Greta Bank Cottage, from which
the three highest mountains in England can
be seen. However I do not of course intend
to go. Time being too short, & distance too
great.

I received a present of short-bread from
Edinburgh last week, made I believe by
Maria Bell. It is very good, & I must
write & thank her for her kindness.

I heard by David that they had quite an
accident at Filmore Place some weeks ago.
Some drain which carried away springs
from under the house got stopped up &
flooded the lower story with several inches
of water. Nobody could find out where
the damage lay, & for several days the
house had to be kept dry by pumps. The

"consequences were" a very bad cold
all round.

I am rather sorry that it has been
decided not to take a house at the sea-side,
as I fear I may be so late as to get you
possibly into very hot weather. You see
the crews here will not be over till the
last week in June sometime, & if I get a
steamer conveniently I cannot be
home till somewhere about the middle of July.
However you will be best able to judge.

I am very glad to see that the Mountain
Park is in so forward a stage, & hope it
will soon be a fact. The Redpaths were
among the timber cutting delinquents, as I
can testify but they took care to do it
out of sight.

With very best love,

Your affectionate brother

George

