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My Dear Anna

I had a very pleasant journey down here arriving at Pt-Levi almost on time & getting across the river comfortably by the St-Arctic. There is a thin skin of ice on the river opposite the city & I think it might freeze up any time but for the steamers which continue to cut it up.

I had some little difficulty in finding the place which Dr Cook had named

as it- was not Hendrey as  
we had read it- but Hencky. This  
place I am now at. It- is on a  
street facing the <sup>lower side of the</sup> Eng. Cathedral. It- is  
supposed to be a lodging house in  
connection with Hencky's Hotel & is  
seperated from it- by an intermediate  
house. It- is not a very comfortable  
place being noisy & crowded.

The drawing-room which would be  
so pleasant to write in turns out to  
be the only parlour in the place, & also  
the smoking room. One is liable to  
constant interruptions. My bedroom  
was the last unoccupied in the  
house, is small & only warmed  
by a vacancy over the door to the hall,

not having a stove or any preparation  
for one. The only idea of bed-room  
lights seems to be a tallow candle.  
The table is very good but rough.

Considering all these circumstances  
I think I must change my quarters  
as soon as possible, it is a great  
bother but I suppose cannot be helped.

I will ask Sr Cook for the address,  
of Mrs Larrances & the house which  
used to be Mrs Steels. If there was any  
likelihood of their being room at the  
former place I might wait a day  
or two & go there. If not, & if  
Steels rooms look comfortable & suitable  
I may go there.

I had hardly arrived here on Sunday  
when Sr Cook appeared & carried me

off to dine with him. Mrs Weir  
asked me to take tea & I went  
to Church with him afterwards. He  
you know teaches in Merrim College  
& has besides a class of "young ladies"  
on his own account. Mr Morris is  
a former student at W<sup>h</sup>ill lives  
with him & helps in the teaching.  
He gave me to understand that  
if I did not find myself  
comfortable here Mrs Weir would  
be able to give me a room.  
I do not know but that it may  
be the best plan to accept this offer  
but intend asking Dr Cook about it.

& finding out whether it would be any object to them or not. Of course it would be disagreeable to stay there as a sort of favour.

My first lecture was last night & passed off on the whole moderately well. About fifty tickets were sold & between 40 & 45 appeared.

I am afraid the class will be rather fluctuating as there are many other engagements & when men are not really students having a definite aim before them they will not mind losing a night or two of chemistry now & then.

I know I read my lectures of last-

right - rather fast & got a  
little confused towards the end  
but hope to improve in these  
respects next time. Old Dr Douglas  
did me the honour to come in.  
Mr James Douglas asked me to  
go out with him next Saturday  
& stay till Monday.

The lectures are arranged for  
Tuesdays & Fridays at 8 P.M.  
& so will take some time to get  
through.

I cannot do anything definite  
about your coming down till I  
get finally settled here. The place

I am now in would not do  
at all & I don't know where  
I may get to in the end.

I saw Dr Anderson yesterday.  
He is not at all well but  
still going about & is going in  
for reelection as president of the  
Lit. & Hist. Socy.

With love to all

Your affectionate brother  
George

James / 72  
Geo age. 22 yrs.  
guy coming back in  
James

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