

I have just received to envelope has inserted a long  
 account of the Chinese. I take Chinese  
 to you - little - velvet - bonnet  
 they are worn at the one  
 side. It is so disappo-  
 inting that this is no means of  
 sitting out any small  
 parcel. I have a jumping monkey  
 for Eric. but they not do a  
 lot. this time. but he  
 do - I say the two words  
 of the story - he - by July  
 juking him - what  
 makes the number  
 of the number - it  
 last long - it  
 a long

last week I said all I had  
 to tell about shipping & such ordinary  
 affairs. Since then our pleasant visit  
 to the Carpenter's has come to an end.  
 I now are are receiving every atten-  
 tion & kindness from the Carpenter's.  
 They had a dinner party of notables  
 last night including a Prof. Williamson,  
 a celebrated Chemist, Hussey <sup>12<sup>th</sup></sup> <sup>12<sup>th</sup></sup>. Tomorrow  
 night we expect to dine with the  
 Rae's. After that another dinner  
 here on Friday night. Saturday  
 we leave for the York Hotel. Altho  
 this. & Saturday night we are to  
 dine with Prof. Williamson. Sunday  
 night we are engaged to go to dine

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to stay all night with Prof Bamberg  
 at Hamstead. besides refusing invitation  
 to Dr. Gladstone & Sir W. Siemens &c &c  
 So early we spent most of the night at  
 the Zoo where I thought how greatly  
 delighted Eric would have been. I tell  
 him I had hoped to write him about  
 some of the queer creatures we saw  
 but I am so busy - My pen is in my  
 hand every spare minute. I am often  
 ashamed to be absent myself from  
 the friends with whom we may be  
 staying, but the number of notes & letters  
 I receive & the letters wh: get multiplied  
 as we increase our acquaintanceship  
 is almost a burden. This afternoon  
 Mrs King called to take Eric & I to drive  
 Miss Mc Donnell & sister to Mr Mac Donnell, was  
 also in the carriage. It was very plea-  
 sant to drive through the bus & thorough  
 fares in a fine carriage with Coachman  
 & footman. I wish Papa is out at a

Zoologues dinner. Eva & Katie Gale  
 have accepted an invitation from  
 some Cornphile to go to a Concert at  
 the Albert Hall & E. is to return & sleep  
 with Katie tonight. I now sit at  
 the same table with Mrs C. who  
 is knitting & I feel I am rather im-  
 patient in writing as she seems quite  
 disposed to talk. She is very nice kind  
 little woman in her own house, altho'  
 to see her as a stranger I shd. judge  
 her to be a little old maid or maternal  
 wife & she has five sons all married.  
 In every house where we have visited  
 three, four or five fires have been  
 kept up & yet the passages & bedrooms  
 are so miserably chilly that both papa  
 & I suffer from cold feet. I have all  
 my winter under clothing on, down to  
 my gaiters & sometimes I slip in to dinner  
 or breakfast with Miss Ann's woolen  
 over shoes on & manage to shuffle the

off before returning to the drawing room.  
 This amongst other reasons makes papa  
 long to get into lodgings where he can  
 sit close by the fire for two or three days  
 & get warmed through. We go on Sat. 10th  
 to Park Hotel, Albemarle St. where Miss Miles  
 now Mrs. M. Leach, is also boarding. From there  
 we pay a visit to Lady Simms' country house  
 & perhaps to Mrs. Elliott, but Broadstairs is  
 70 miles from London & costs considerable  
 to go & return. & papa declares he won't  
 give up his lodgings till he finally  
 leaves London. Now about Rankine  
 & George - a subject far more in my  
 thoughts than things here. As I am sadly  
 afraid that you have had a bad  
 time - your sore fingers hindering your  
 own necessary work & Rankine &  
 George both appearing on the scene at  
 the same time. Bernard may well wish  
 that he was farther away from his  
 wife's friends! I was glad to hear

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that you found R. more Chastised  
in spirit, but his unsettlements must  
be trying to himself & certainly will  
not encourage confidence in him  
in the minds of others. We have heard  
from Mr. Rudolf that he has some  
intention of coming over here but  
he has not written to any of us since  
since we left. This naturally leads  
me to think he wishes us to be  
out of the way before he comes here  
& I want so much to know what he  
is about & what plans he is contempla-  
ting for the future. I do hope his stay  
with you may influence him in the  
right direction. If he will only confide  
in you, & I knew he did so fully, I should  
be comforted, altho' I am not included  
in his confidence. I dread collision  
between him & Perry at any point.  
Pau. S. do you think he seems more

hopeful. We have no letters from  
you this week but I was not surprised  
you had doubtless a busy & perhaps  
a very perplexing time. It appears to me  
that there is a good opening for a  
well educated gentlemanly medical  
man in Montreal. Many of the oldest  
men have lately passed away & some are  
not likely to practice much longer. & the  
younger men - many of them - are not gentle  
men. I am so sorry to hear of Mrs  
Mrs Stet. but time now presses so I  
must close. Please give my best love  
to Miss Dunn. Explain how I am occupied  
also to Mrs Ruppeth. I note all you tell me  
altho' I might take notice of them. Love  
to Cury. I don't want her to be troubled  
writing. & you had better not say anything  
of Mrs C. here to her. - Now to the Campbells as to some  
one does not know how these things may be taken  
some does not look well - he has a cough & tells me  
he had a little winter. I spoke to Mr. Frewsfield about it &  
he promised me to speak seriously to L. to take measures of pre-  
caution. He is stout but pale. Yours loving Mother