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Dear Mr. A. One short sentence
to tell you that we have dined
last night, altho' I do not buy this
as heider the excitement we did
not get back to our sleeping quarters
about 1.00 of this morn. But it is something
to have seen the most gorgeous house
filled with the most gorgeous of English
Antiquary. The staircase cannot be less
than a hundred square feet & was decorated
with hundreds of vases & thousands upon
thousands of lovely flowers, diamonds
by hundreds sparkled upon every one
round us. The highest dignitaries from
India, Japan, China, Ceylon & Australia
were there in jewels & cloaks of gold — it
was no only a Colonial display. Dr. Selwyn
& Mabel were the only Canadians we saw
The Princess, gracious as ever, & looking young

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so lovely - her eldest daughter, just
making her debut, looks like Princess
Louise. The Prince middle aged &
stout but most jolly & agreeable.
^{Private} Rankine engaged, the Queen I fear
he thinks he can make a good aristocrat
himself & that is quite a mistake his
being connected with plain matters
of a fact folks. I have had no chance
yet of a talk with him & am staying
away from Church this morn intending to
go away alone to try to have some closer
interview. There is no doubt that he
is living a ~~pretty~~ sensual life & is very
smoaky. I write cheerfully - that is easy -
but I feel far otherwise. Mr & Mrs Mulya
came in & I must stop my mailing & probably
now I must not lose my chance of
an hour with R.

With all grateful love to you dear Anna

I am your Mother
P.S. don't mention our visit to the Rowing Club's intentions