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Dear Anna,

I got your letter of April 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> while at breakfast with Callander this morning and was delighted to hear from you. It was only a week since I had received your previous letter but seemed much longer. On Wednesday I sent you a long letter giving an account of our trip to Ireland and since then very little of ~~note~~ special interest has transpired. Callander & I went to the Royal Society Concessione on ~~Friday~~ Wednesday evening and I was glad to have an opportunity of seeing such a gathering of England's greatest scientific men. Our time there, however, was altogether too short. We went rather late as Callander had a bad headache and had to lie

down & rest during part of the evening. He had been working very hard for several days getting some of his puprometers ready for exhibition at the Convergence; but was I think well repaid for the trouble as they excited a great deal of interest. The convergence is a very select affair - not even ladies being admitted.

Lord Kelvin received and did his part well. He looks much as he did when at the B.A. meeting in Montreal notwithstanding the additional years and additional title.

I met a few old friends and made some acquaintances, but the crowd was so great that it was difficult to find any one that you wanted to see. I espied Bauleman at the other end of the room, but before I could get to him he had disappeared and I missed him altogether. Bonney was there and inquired kindly about every one in Montreal. He wants me to go out to dinner some evening soon.



I also saw Mr Newall of Cambridge. He is connected with the astronomical observatory there and is a man of high scientific attainments as well as wealth. You will remember that I saw a good deal of him and his wife when at Washington a couple of years ago. He has given me a pressing invitation to spend a day or two with them at Cambridge.

Yesterday I spent most of the time with Callendar at instrument makers and places of that kind. C. left for Wales this morning and I felt rather "desolated," but set out to console myself with minerals at South Kensington. I had been in the museum only a few minutes when I spied Prof. Penfield of New Haven who arrived a few days ago and is stopping with Meyers one of principal mineralogists at the museum. Meyers is going through the collection with Penfield and invited me to join them. This

will be a great advantage, as he unlocks the cases and calls attention to everything of special interest. We are to return to the museum at ten to-morrow morning and are to dine together in the evening.

This afternoon Penfield and I had an opportunity of seeing something of London Society: There was a reception at Buckingham Palace and we stood for an hour or more watching the grand equipages coming and going. The ladies in the carriages were got up regardless and carried bouquets nearly as big as themselves. Most of the coachmen & footmen also sported large bunches of flowers which made them look ridiculous. The Horse Guards were out in force and two bands played alternately. Altogether the sight was well worth seeing and my Yankee friend was apparently delighted with and surprised by the grandeur. They may say what they like, but after all they adore Royalty even more than we do.



And yet when one sees all this pagantry he cannot wonder at people becoming socialists. Fancy a man whose family were starving - possibly through no fault of his - looking at what we saw this afternoon! I do not think it would be fair to call him a very bad man even if he took to bomb-throwing.

I am glad that the children took the flowers to the hospital and hope they will do so again. If kindness to fellow creatures is not all of religion it certainly constitutes a very large part of it, and a part about which all really good people must agree.

I am sorry to hear that George has again been obliged to go to Washington and hope that this will not interfere with his going to British Columbia. If there is a prospect of this and Eric does not seem better I think it might be best to pack him off to this side by the Peace Line. I could curtail my trip and economize in various ways if it were necessary. So far what little sailing travelling I have done has been third ~~class~~ class and I have got on very well. 3<sup>rd</sup> class fares are generally about half as much as 1<sup>st</sup> and considerably lower than 2<sup>d</sup>. - From what you say it seems to be indigestion and biliousness that are troubling Eric and I hoped that he would soon begin to mend

when he got through with college work. By the by I should like to know how he got on with his exams. You speak as though I had left him a great deal to do, but I did not suppose I had.

I saw in an English paper that Fleet and Archibald had been appointed foremen and must say that the latter appointment surprised me. I did not suppose that A. was a man that they would ever dream of. He has, however, improved greatly of late years and may do better than we suppose.

But I must really close this. I did not expect to write so long a letter and fear I shall not be able to do so very often. Tell Ruth that I was delighted to get her letter and will answer it soon. I am sending Cox some scraps which he can divide with the other little ones.

Your loving Remond.

If your father (or Mr Carpenter) intend going out with Cemetery you might ask him to have a few flowers planted for us. You can send me Saunders' letter if you like; but I can really do nothing for his son.