

Spidney afternoon
[1871]

I am going to get up a despatch
to-day. I cut a second time
at the ~~place~~ has not seen one. Come
to see me - last illness or some
necessary cause - has obtained his.

With much love from
Papa & myself.

Yours affectionally
Mother

was much pleased
that you had not left
without visiting a few
of his beautiful locks. I thought
of suggesting to you, but have been
so occupied that I neglected doing
so until too late, to break your
journey London wards into stages &
spend a day at Galushills, Mibros
& Abbotford which you at have
done at a small additional

expens. I regret much this oversight.
 As you may not have such a good
 opportunity again. Papa desires
 me to excuse him for not writing
 at this time - Pursue of business as
 usual preventing. He highly approves
 your course of study for the winter.
 He has not yet received a proof
 of your paper. It is announced in
 the papers that Huxley & Tyndal are
 to visit & lecture in the States this
 winter. & may probably come on
 to Canada. I suppose we will
 invite them to be our guests. It is
 time for us to enlarge our house the

are going in for entertaining on
such a large scale. I dare say Anna
has told you that I have issued
invitations today to a large number
of friends connected with the College
to introduce to them Prof. Forbes on
Tuesday evening. The weather since
my return has been warm. I thought
until within a week we have had
two rain storms, since which the
weather is very bright but cold. I
do not think I ever saw the Autumn
Colony so perfectly lovely - It is now
perhaps a little too brilliant but the

these do not look at all bare. I know
of the more tender plants have got
suffered from frost. Williams was
to tell you of Mrs Stewart's generosity
in giving him four sovereigns I have
the same amount with him to be sent
to you. She told me she thought
more of your kind remembrance of
her in sending a Xmas Card than if
you had given her forty dollars. So
please gratify her again this year.
Tell me if you saw anything of Mrs Davidson
before leaving Edin: Also if any of the Wglds
have called upon you in London. I
am quite grieved at the cold treatment I
have received from her during Mrs Scott's
since my return. I wished to be so very friendly
with her after her Mother's marked kindness to me