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My dear George

I was very much pleased  
at receipt of your kind letter a few  
days ago & thank you sincerely for it.  
I saw a few lines from papa today  
in wh. he tells me that you had  
paid them a visit lately & that he  
was going to Ottawa where he  
hoped to see something more of you.  
I trust the Royal Socy. meetings may  
pass off successfully & that you may  
enjoy them as you have so few oppor-  
tunities of meeting the Scientific celeb-  
ties of Canada such as they are. We  
are not at all amongst such a class

here, but have come in for a  
 share of the fetes & entertainments which  
 are being given by noblemen, statesmen  
 Companies & others to the Colonists.  
 Principally those connected with the  
 Colonial Exhibition. Today we were  
 at a garden party at Kensington Palace  
 given by the Princess Louise. The weather  
 was perfect - the gardens beautiful - the  
 gayly dressed ladies & courtly men a fine  
 sight & the music enchanting. One  
 of the two hereditary lords was a native  
 one from the W. Indies wh: has been  
 sent here as one of the Exhibits. Eve  
 & Rankine were engaged to dine  
 at the Pattersons tonight, so we had  
 to leave the show early. Just as we were  
 passing through one of the ante chambers  
 on our way out, I met another person

3 in the room beside ourselves,  
the Prince & Princess of Wales, followed  
by some other members of the Royal  
family, walked in. We are now so  
learned in Court ways that we  
passed round at once & made our  
bow. I received a smiling & gracious bow  
from each in return. All this fine  
boasting is I know quite lost on you,  
but don't you sneer at royalty. It  
is very nice when one only gets near enough  
to it. The Princess is still very pretty - by  
the time we reached the entrance Prince  
Victor & the two young Princesses drew up.  
So we had a glimpse of them also. To-  
morrow we have accepted an invita-  
tion to lunch with Sir J. & Lady Bruce  
at their country house at Battle. A special  
train is to leave Charing Cross at 11.0 P. Carriages  
are to be provided to drive the party to see  
Battle Abbey & then to Harmanhurst Court, this

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Residence, & we hope to be back in  
London again by 7. P.M. We may go to  
a garden party at Lord Hartingtons on  
Monday but if we should I will be  
the last <sup>of these invitations</sup> ~~of these~~ we can avail ourselves of as we  
intend to leave for Manchester on Tuesday  
morning. The Kings seem to go to all these parties  
& I have twice seen Mr. McCoun who doubtless  
will treasure up garns that will last him  
the rest of his life. Had your father been in  
London with us this month we should  
have had a most dissipated time. As it is  
our friends express great disappointment  
as our leaving town at the height of the  
season, & really this is an opportunity that  
may well come across our path again in  
life & I find it interesting to see public  
& distinguished men & women to whom I am  
a little regretful that we have made arrange-  
ments to have to leave. I have not seen the  
Mr. Simons. I believe there is quite a party

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of Quebec. We lament with Fannie &  
we have this address but have not  
had time to call. We went to see  
the Phillips' yesterday but only saw Miss  
P. She told us that her brother was far  
from well, he has had a severe rheumatic  
attack & has other ailments. He is leaving  
whatever business he was engaged  
in & intends, in October next, to begin  
a tour round the world. The old gentle  
man also was ill when we called: but  
I think it was of a passing character.

I know this is a flippant & foolish looking  
letter as if my thoughts & affections were  
engrossed with these passing trifles -  
but could you see deeper I think you  
will find that I am the same solid, steady  
going old lady I generally am. Being alone  
my thoughts turned to you & I had not  
time to reflect so have given you the top proof  
Trust me however as being always your loving  
Mother.



of which the elements with some  
has been their various but have not  
last time to be. The name to be  
the Philip's gathering but only has his  
P. the table in the in which was for  
from which, he has been a great change  
about to be other elements. P. is being  
with the business for their way of  
in 7 months, in October next, to begin  
a new course the world the objects  
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I think it was of a passing character.  
I know this is a different period looking  
after so if my thoughts affected the  
supervisors with their passing of the  
but never for the time I think you  
all for a that I am the same belief, they  
going also last of foundation, being clear  
my thoughts to be for 12 hours and  
time to expect to have given for the first  
but no more as being changed. your  
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