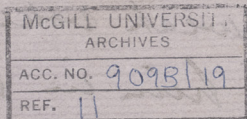


London Jan 9<sup>th</sup>  
1870.

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> I have  
just received a letter from  
you last night, for  
which many thanks



Dear too

I have not had a letter from  
you for a long time, now, are you too  
busy to write? or is it that you have  
too much time.

I have been to Westminster Abby to  
Church, It was very nice, & there  
was a very good organ & also good  
singing. There was an Anthem after  
the sermon, & it sounded splendidly.  
Formerly the anthem used to be before the  
sermon but it was found that many  
people came only to hear the anthem &  
then went out when the sermon  
began, thus making a noise &  
disturbing the rest of the congregation.

So now they have it - after & the people  
are obliged to stay through the sermon,  
or come in afterwards, when the abby is

fall & get bad places. The man who  
preached when I was there had rather a  
weak voice, & so it was very hard to hear  
him in such a big place.

I sent you a little time ago a brooch  
by ~~post~~ sample post, which I bought  
at the Crystal Palace. Did you receive  
it safely? & if you did, do you think it  
pretty?

It was a very windy day yesterday & a  
fellow at the laboratory told me that he had  
seen several hats go over Westminster  
bridge on his way to the laboratory. One  
omnibus conductor lost his hat, & another  
was laughing at him, when he threw his  
own into the river.

I have no lectures till the beginning of next  
month, but Mrs. Edgar, thinking I suppose that  
it would be a pity for us to have nothing to  
do, has told us to ink in all our drawings,  
before the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This has taken up a good  
many evenings but I have pretty nearly  
finished now.

Hoping to hear from you soon

Believe me yours ever affectionately  
Brother Joseph W. Dawson.