

In afternoon Miss Minnie Hall the Misses
Bell & Queen went to the Royal
Polytechnic - where we saw
panoramas & heard lecture of the War
(Franco-German) - heard the Prager family
sang & played on curious Indian
instruments - also saw mysterious
hand with white wings attached which
pretended to reply to By-stander's ques-
tions (great humbug) - &c
after Queen had retired Will returned
from Birmingham & Wolverhampton.

Saturday. Mr. Ward & Son called on business
Dec 17/ with Will. Queen went around to
1870. see Mrs. Gouraud. - afterwards we
went by the "high level" to Crystal
Palace at Sydenham - where we
examined until 3 PM (Meeting Gov.
Evans & his niece Miss) & then
attended the concert - Beethoven's Cen-
tenary - where we heard Adelaide
&c. - very fine. He returned home
& dropped for the opera "Fidelio"
which exceeded Queen's expectations.
It was at Covent Garden. - Fittens
for the 4th time & liked her better
than at any time before.
Read letter from Lady Augusta Stanley
and writing us to hear the Dean preach
at Westminster Abbey on Xmas Day.
- accepted the invitation