

August 2nd /31.
Barnham

Dearest Edward

I forget where I wrote to you
from last, but I think it was
London, we found our way back
to Epsom on Thursday - and
had a very nice lunch with Mrs
Hall & Mrs Mercer - after lunch
we packed up our goods &
started off. the day was fine
and we had a nice run along
the Thames & then through
pretty rolling country - instead
of going right in to Oxford we
turned to the left just a few
miles before & ran over to
Abingdon where we stayed at
a most adorable Inn, I sent
a postcard of it to Mrs Winslow
we visited an old church and
watched some people fishing on a

bridge quite ² patiently, but they
never seemed to catch anything.

Abingdon is the quaintest old place
full of quaint shops & people.

At 10 o'clock we left again
& proceeded to Oxford - We
saw our Christ's College thoroughly
saw "All Souls" & some of the
other 32 colleges from the outside
then we climbed the library
tower and had a panoramic
view of the whole of Oxford -

From thence to Stratford-on-
Avon - where we had lunch -
visited Shakespeare's tomb
his house and the adorable
thatched cottage of Anne
Hathaway - From here
to Warwick Castle, which
is a really truly castle -
marvellous garden with real

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alive peacocks strutting about.
We had not time to ~~see~~ go in to
Kenelworth Castle, but were
able to see it as we passed by
at about 6.30 o'clock we
arrived at Tanworth had
dinner, then went out for a
short ^{stroll} and found we were
directly beside one of the oldest
castles in England, we bribed
the keeper to take us over
it - it was terribly spooky
seeing, dungeons, places where
people were beheaded etc
when it was so dark - John
got a huge thrill out of it.
I really got quite frightened
there is a haunted stairway
but the ghost did NOT come
out for us -
Yesterday was also fine

and ~~then~~ we had a very lovely drive to Banby - We arrived here at about 4 o'clock Grace met us at the door with a warm welcome - We had tea and then went out to the back lawn where, one of the Elsdale school boys was holding a miners political meeting. speeches, moving pictures, games etc. rather interesting -

We played bridge last night. We drove over to Aunt Close today for dinner, all the family were there + we had a jolly party, they are all so nice. I always thought that Philip was critical + austere - But he is quite the reverse, so jolly + full of fun. it is wonderful

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how he manages with his one
hand - He played on the
orga. for us - Alice & John
played tennis. the garden
was lovely - They are
all going to Scotland tomorrow.

We are going to get in touch
with Aunt Charlotte tomorrow.

I get some news of you and
Mrs Winstan & Terence from
Will - !!!

Thank you for your business
communications. !!!

We will probably be here till
the end of the week, then we
go to Grace & Silvia in Wales.

My address is always
c/o of the Bank of Montreal,
London -

with love Lois.

This is a rather hurried letter. it
is late & I am tired. rather a strenuous day

