

Miss Rudolf Highfield South
Sept 1885 17th Sept 1885

My Dear Cousin

I should
have written by last week's
mail to thank you for your
Book (Egypt. & Syria) received
the day before last. was pre-
sented. However now I do so
very heartily. It was indeed
kind in you to think of and
give the publisher directions
to forward it. Mr. Rees of
Edinburgh were about starting

for a fortnight's stay in the
Lake district. I he took it
with him, hoping for some
quiet hours in which to enjoy
his contents. They have had
rather showery weather - perhaps
not the best for show-
ing scenery. In the sun shining
out between the dark hours, every
thing seems so beautifully bright-
ened up. with light & shade
well marked. Norman had
not had a holiday this season
then, so he fell much in need
of the few days' change. I
I hope will be much the bet.

his of it. Robert is still
at home & will be here nearly
the end of October. It seems
a very long time but he studies
always so many hours a day & does
not at all weary. He gets more &
more interested as he goes on. I come
off with "honours" is almost every
thing at this session.

I had a letter from Fowie
yesterday & in the midst of her-
stal. They are almost deluged
with pain. M. & M. S. would
have gone to attend to the
B. A. meetings but she is really
so deaf now they feared it
would be of little use.

We have been much interested
in some of the papers. especially
in the President's spring address -
I trust you are all well. I feel
better of the summer of the sea-side

Dear Smith's death was a great
shock to the Society. so long
ailing as he had been. I feel that
I could not have dreamed of
his end being so near. but we hope
it has been a very happy change
for him. He suffered so much &
so constantly. The news of Mar.

Wine through Arthur. he seems to
like a sea life. I have no doubt -
has a very pleasant time of it -

With loving regards to all

Yours truly

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