

Time Hibernian
July.

Crossing to England on the
SS. Hibernian.

Acc. 1443

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cured me ^{at first} ~~last~~ time) & the
second steward sent me down figs,
raisins, almonds, hazel-nuts & wal-
nuts was it not good of him?
& afterwards he got a book for me &
gave me a lovely bit of toffee
& like him so much he always
looks so merry & kind if you only
could see him nursing the baby
(there is only one on board seven
months old; the other day from
various people it got chicken & sad-
rice out of chicken broth, beef tea,
sago-pudding, preserved ginger &
pine-apple the poor little thing
was of course ill after it. The
stewardess says babies will never
take milk at sea, but like ^{well} broth
& such things isn't it queer?

There is a poor lady on board
who they were much afraid
would die, but Mrs Simpson
took in hand to nurse her &
since, she is a little better but
still very weak.

We had fog from Sunday
evening till Friday & was it

not a long time, this & also having
bad coal has made our passage
pretty slow; ice was seen dimly
looming through the fog one
night I was in bed, but they
~~at~~ told me it was hardly visible
& not a pretty or grand sight. We
may have, indeed from the cold-
ness of the air must have been
much more I wish it had been
clear. We did not go through the
straits of Belle Isle.

Mr. Nelson (the former Chief
Savage's husband) is very nice
indeed I like him almost best
of those on board, he does look so
young too not more than twenty
one but he must be older: his
wife is sea-sick nearly all the
time it must be delightful
for both I should think.

Old Tom who has the superin-
tendance of the table sung us
two Irish songs, ^{last night} it was such fun
he really did it very well & then
immediately ~~was~~ done his face
assumed the most imperturbable

gravity it quite amused me.

I hope dear little Eva & Frankine
are well I suppose I must not apply
the diminutive to William now
that he is *Pater familiaris*. You
must be having quite hot summer
weather now really I wish we
could have a little of it. I can
hardly imagine hot weather here
I suppose you would be comforted
(bodily) if you could imagine
cold.

Papa & George will now be
following in our wake it seems
so quiet, how very lonely you
must feel. I felt rather lonely
at first indeed I had the
cigs over it but now I am get-
ting used to the place & people
& don't mind it so much still
when I get home I expect it
will be a precious long time
before I leave again willingly.
A good many of our passengers
leave at Derry to go & see the Dublin
exhibition before it closes.

I have sent Mina's letter separately