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P.S. I forgot to tell you that the "Eric" is not going back to Montreal, it being now to late for the clearance; but to New York. Capt. DeLata says however that when he goes back in spring he will be very likely to take anything for me. Y.M.S.

Dear Mamma

I wrote a little letter to

Papa from Glasgow informing you of my safe arrival there. The ship got in about three in the afternoon of Thursday the 4th and we had to wait till after four for the custom house officers, who passed without any trouble all my baggage, except the barrels of coffee, which although there is no duty on them, could not be passed as personal baggage, and therefore had to be passed entered at the custom house. This I was told could not be done till the morning. Wishing to take them with me and being very tired from the effects of wet being in bed for two nights on account of the thick rough weather coming in channel, I thought the best thing would be not to start for Edinburgh till next day. I could not stay in the ship, as immediately on arriving all on board go home, having only been engaged for the voyage, and the ship is locked up till the men come to unload her.

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So young Pinner and I got our things
in a truck and took them at once to the
Liverpool and Edinburgh stations, and
left them in the baggage rooms there. Then
we went ~~to a hotel, but~~ about the
Town doing a little business, sending off
Dr. Carpenter's box, posting letters, and telegraphing
to Mr Bell, which took some time as we
had difficulty in finding the various places.

I bought a couple of newspapers, to try to make
up lost news, and then we went to a hotel
near the station, had a very comfortable tea,
occupied the evening reading up the news and
went early to bed. Pinner made up his
mind to start for Liverpool by the 8.45 train

so we had an early breakfast, paid the
hotel bill (5/ each) and I went down
with him to the station to see him off. I then
went to the ship, but found that the captain
had not yet arrived, there was however a note
from Mr Bell saying that if I would let
him know the time of my arrival he would be
at the station, and if not to come straight
to his house. The captain came down

in about half an hour, and told me that
there would be some further delay about

the apples, so he said I went to Kintoul and
Co's office (the agents of the ship) and they kindly
promised to forward them to me in Edinburgh
without - for the trouble I embarked for Edinburgh
by the 2nd P.M. train and got there about 4
I went first to the Bells and was very kindly
received. I went early to bed, and next morning
discussed my plans and what clothes were
required. Mr. Bell then went with me
into town in the afternoon had failed so we could
not go then had me visited, but we went to
another tailor who made my trousers and got a
pair made for a new black coat which I
thought would be the best thing to get. He
promised to take great pains in fitting it, which
I am sure he will do. I am to have it taken
tomorrow as often as required, and it will
then have to be finished and sent to town
of the 1st. We then went to the
establishment which is selling off and got
what other things I required, as far as I could
remember, a hat, umbrella, 4 shirt fronts, 2 wood
pocket handkerchiefs. When I arrived here
there was a note from Dr. Davies, saying that
his health was not well, but that he thought
best found lodgings to suit me, and asking
me to come to his house till I had judged of

them myself. Yesterday morning another
note came from Dr Davies to Mr Bell, asking if
he had heard anything of me, as he had expected
me before this, and that Dr Ryle had found
lodgings for me. I have written in reply
saying that as I have a good deal of baggage
I will leave it at the station, and drive
right to his house, for the address of the
lodgings. I also thanked him as well as I
could for his kindness. I intend to set off
for London next Tuesday the 12th and as
the journey is long, and I would like
to arrive in the morning, I will probably
stop a night at York.

The girls seemed very much pleased with
the things you sent, but I am sorry to say
there was not any for some of them whom
I suppose you had forgotten. Ellen seemed
especially pleased with her butter-cooler which
was much admired and declared quite new.
The two Mrs Kemp, and Ellen and Maggie
were here for tea last night, so that we had
quite a reunion.

I suppose I will find that I have forgotten
something of importance but I must stop
now with best love to yourself and all
at home.
Yours affectionately
George.