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My dearest mamma,

Under rather  
unfavourable circumstances I  
sit down to write you an account  
of "the wedding", first as to the  
circumstances - Marnie is going  
away today, by rights I ought to  
be helping her to pack, & we have  
been out all the morning shopping  
so I am a little tired.

Tuesday was a beautiful day  
I got up before six for I had  
promised to arrange flowers for  
the breakfast, & by nine I had  
10 lovely bouquets prepared & sent  
down, then after arranging for Eva  
& Eliza to go & see the ceremony  
I went up to dress, I wore my  
white spotted muslin, with  
a deeply pointed overshirt - trimmed  
with a bill of steel & a blue  
ribbon, & a bonnet white tulle  
with blue flowers, it looked

lovely & cost 7 shillings, Jessie  
Mr L. went into colliers for the  
day & wore white, & pink, a little  
after eleven she & Sara & Mrs  
Archer & myself went down to  
the cathedral in a cab, we were  
early & so saw every one come in  
Lizzie look pretty but - decidedly pale  
her dress was Japanese silk (white)  
& a lovely embroidered veil, George  
looked handsome & said his response  
out in a very decided manner  
Lizzie too spoke quite audibly, - then  
we went to the Greffer's house, where  
a splendid wedding breakfast was  
laid out, every possible delicacy  
was there, the cake was the hand-  
somest I have ever seen, a good  
many short-speeches were made &  
healths drunk, then Mr Keynes  
got up & spoke, & such a speech  
Mrs B - actually robbed, & even  
some of the gentlemen seemed affected  
he gave the young gentlemen present  
some very good advice about  
marrying for love etc - Dr Evans  
Mr Dabell Mr Martin Sen, Mat <sup>Chapman</sup>  
& other nice people were there, so  
we had a very jolly time I was  
between Mr Dabell & Mr <sup>Chapman</sup>

& Mr Farten was just opposite  
so I enjoyed myself exceedingly,  
but when it was all over, it  
did seem as if everything had  
come to a conclusion, & as if every  
fest-ival were "flat, stale  
& unprofitable"; I don't think I  
ever felt so solemn, it really  
is rather a risky affair to take  
anyone for better & worse etc, however  
I think George & Izzy have every chance  
of happiness as far as we can see,  
Willie Brass came in the other  
day & invited Eva to spend a  
few days at Lachine, with Lillie  
the idea rather frightened me at  
first - but after a little consideration  
I thought the change would be  
good for her, & as a little leisure  
for me to collect my thoughts about  
our summer arrangements, is an  
advantage I let her go for a day  
or two, William is to go out on  
Saturday & bring her home on Monday  
morning, I had not the least hesitation  
in letting the latter go, for though  
quite well, studying in warm  
weather is not very conducive to  
comfort - Some weeks ago I tried  
giving him new eggs, but he

disliked them extremely, & at last  
utterly refused to take them <sup>at last week</sup> →  
I gave him some soup before  
going to bed, but he seems very  
well, & his <sup>hand</sup> lessons end this week  
he only has reviews afterwards.  
Last night we took tea at  
the McDonalds, they were as usual  
very kind, & Mr Mc D. has asked  
Kankie to go out & ride with  
him on Saturday morning, he seems  
to have taken quite a fancy to him  
& the youngster is enchanted at  
the prospect of a ride, he is to have  
a very quiet horse, but I expect  
he will be pretty saddle-sick the  
next day.

I am leaving all my preparations  
for Murray Bay, till Kankie goes  
I think we shall leave about the  
end of this month, every one seems  
to be going there, I imagine we  
shall have quite a gay time, though  
we have been having any amount  
of gaiety here, in the way of seeing  
people, we go over to the Bay's  
steps Alfred & Jessie go to one end  
Kankie & I at the other are not long  
alone, the night before last, Mr  
Brady, Mr Egan, Mr Lulloch

Oh Mr Dacet - were up, the  
last named very handsome Miss  
Mc L - does propriety assisted by  
Mrs Baynes, it is very nice to see  
people, but their absence is not  
much loss for the better you  
know people the less you care  
for them generally speaking, I am  
very cool to Mr Egan, for I don't  
want to have any nonsense at  
Murray Bay, don't be in the least  
uneasy about me, I don't feel inclined  
to fall in love with anyone I have  
yet seen, & I am very careful to be  
"proper" for ~~not~~ I feel that I must  
stand at fall alone just now -  
we met - Mr Charles Geddes the other  
day in the grounds, & a few days  
after he came up & spent nearly  
the whole afternoon singing & talking  
with Harriet, he was a married  
man, so it was quite correct you  
know, but - what a lot of stuff  
am writing! - We are having  
quantities of strawberries from the  
garden, everything is very early this  
year.

Maggi Kree sail for England  
tonight, she is little or no better  
& still suffers much. Dr Miller

does not wish her to go, but  
her father is determined.

Mrs H. Taylor asked us to a  
croquet party last week, but  
it rained & so we could not  
go -

You threaten to give me all  
the housekeeping to do, & I assure  
you I don't feel in the least  
alarmed for I would do it with  
the greatest pleasure, I might  
just as well occupy my time  
with that as any thing else -

Now I must stop, or  
Nannie will think I have no  
feeling for her at all

Miss Mc Donald & Addy & George  
Campbell send their love  
Miss Fern was up about a  
week ago

With much love to  
yourself & all friends & relatives  
not forgetting Edith & Cecilia if you  
see her

Believe me

Yours loving

Anne

B.P.  
Be careful & rest in Edinburgh but  
let them know you are -