



Rock Ferry

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My dear Mrs Dawson

Mr. Cook has shown me a note received from you in which you allude to a letter written me some time since. I did receive it, but delayed answering it till after returning home. I had to return all the way alone, as Mr. Scott was not ready to come South, and we could not delay longer. He remained at Perth all night, as being the most direct route.

Our stay in the North was thoroughly enjoyed, friends here say the Chilchew have grown sensibly taller and they certainly are much stouter. In addition to our visit to Grappin's house, we made up a party for Braemar and the neighbourhood, and the short excursion there was brimful of pleasure. The deer forest comprises one strongly of spruce, being entirely composed of pines & firs, with their delicious fragrance, but there the comparative snob, for we have so much scenery. There was plenty of snow among the mountain crannies, but withstanding the

best weather. You are fortunate
in being at the seaside, ~~because~~
the air is so purified in houses.
I hope you have gained strength
by your stay at Burntisland,
the fresh seaside air gives me
strength in spite of fatigue.

Mr Scott intended going to
Strathpeffer this week for the
benefit of his lungs, she
is to be there a fortnight, and
then, after a few days stay at
home, accompanying for the harvest-
ers, comes on to Glasgow, she
says it would give her great
pleasure to see you, and if
I were in time will gladly
go to Edinburgh for the purpose.
I will send her your addresses,

although she may be delayed
too long to make use of it.

I regret much not having been at
home when your husband was
here, though his stay was so very
short. I've not said you
promise us will be very acceptable
I wish it could be longer. Could
George not accompany you?

You will be surprised to learn
that our sister Mrs. Buckley, her
husband and family are
expected next month, to
settle in this country, and
our mother is joining with them.
I do not realize it, and will
not till they are actually here.
We have all wished them to come,
but it is only a few weeks since
they decided to do so. Business

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Matters in connection with
their wedding have not been
arranged yet. But in every
way it is for their advantage
to come, besides being so much
more pleasant for us all to
be on the same side of the Sea.
Now, my dear friend, I have been
reflecting on you a long
space about ourselves &
our friends. There are many
other things that might
be more pleasant and
profitable to speak of. But
I hope to have the opportunity
while you are with us.
We will expect to see you by

the notice you receive, and will
have some one to seek you, at it,
I do not know what time it is, unless
but George probably does. It
would be well if you could
get a through carriage to
Liverpool, Exchange Station,
as this is reached usually an hour
earlier than Lime Street, Quakers
being across the ferry till then
except my love & kindest remembrance
for George & Gus Bell. You will
not be long enough here for the
weeking. Our English household has
been in a confusion here to day. Two
letters having been quarried at one
this morning. Please excuse
this scrawl, I suppose it must

Let your herowishness ~~be~~, but
after I can see hold a pen,
and let me

Your very affectionate friend

Lucy Crow