

Aunt on trip with her father
Halifax etc. - George evidently
having just returned from England
amusing remarks about
George

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Dearest Mamma,

I received
your welcome letter last
night, when I arrived here.
I am afraid that you are
working away as hard as
ever, do try to be lazy
or you will be a pale
tired looking mother for us
to go back to, & that won't
be a bit nice, it would
make us feel that we were
such wretches, to have been
away enjoying ourselves &
leaving you slaving at
home.

Papa left me in Halifax
on Wednesday, I was alone
at the hotel till the after-
noon, under Judge Gairns's
care, then Mr. C. Thomson

came up & put me into
a cab with all my be-
longings & so I rolled away
to Pierre's cottage. Mrs. L.
received me as kindly as
could be & Mary also seemed
quite glad to see me. The
house is quite close to Mrs.
J. Thomson's & the grounds
slope down to the water
of the arm - a more lovely
spot could not be im-
agined.

The old lady took a
great fancy to me, & I staid
at Mrs. J.'s for two days
but it really made very
little difference where I
slept - for the two families
seem almost to have all
things in common, & there
never seems to be a jar
between them. Mrs. J. has
six children, the eldest a
girl of twelve - Mrs. L. has

four - Mary the eldest, then
a boy who had just gone
to Spain, & a small boy
& little girl, the latter about
6 I should think.

We went to a picnic
on Thursday, across the
baron it was very nice
& though I felt a little
lost at first among so
many strangers I managed
to get on very well & enjoy
myself very much. In the
evening the party all went
to a Mrs Le Blanc's & danced
but I went back to Pine
Cottages & spent a quiet
evening. The next day we
went to a croquet party
& they danced afterwards
I did not enjoy it so much
but I always like to get
an glimpse view of them &
the world, if for nothing
else, just to feel so very

content that I am out of
it. We drove about a good
deal, heated a good deal
I bathed three times, I am
quite astonished that at the
change this has made in
me, really, in one week I
have become perceptible
stouter I have acquired
quite a colour, to be sure
I am a little sun burnt
into the bargain, but that
does not count.

Papa wanted me to
follow him on Saturday
but I thought that was
nonsense I staid till ~~Thurs~~
day, Wednesday, when papa
seemed so wishful for me
to leave that I took my-
self away, the old lady
wept over me, Mr C
kissed me affectionately
I left feeling very sorry
to have to do so, so soon -

They pressed me very much²
to stay till the end of sum-
mer, & to promise to return
etc - but of course I could not
I left - by the slow train
(as the express went so early
in the morning) at 11^o - I had
my curls rolled up, I was
keeping myself generally, to
look nice when I met
George, but when we got to
New Glasgow station, he
quietly walked into the
train. He looked just
like himself, only much
better dressed. I found
him much taller changed
than I expected him. He cer-
tainly has English manners
& says "Oh really" in the
most approved officer style.
his manner is just enough.
He He - to be exceedingly
captivating, it seemed only a

a few minutes before we
reached Victoria & then of
course it was hurry & bustle
till we found ourselves
landed in Mrs Primrose's
parlour, & there was an
end of anything but general
conversations. I thought
they might have left me
to have a little talk with
him but they did not seem
to think so. It was nearly
9 o' - when we got here.

George is to go off this
morning & be away till
Saturday. I expect him
every 5 minutes to come
& see you & go by - I can't
bear to think of his going
Dapa is expected here today
from some unknown
region. I really feel quite
cross with him for bringing
me down only to desert the

thus, I am very glad that
I staid at Galley as long
as I did. Mrs Prindles
is very kind, but does not
seem very interesting.

I received all my letters
quite safely, rather too
many to enjoy at once.

I feel sleepy & stupid
this morning, I begin to fear
that George must have
gone off without seeing
me it is becoming so late
he always was lazy in the
mornings.

If I don't find it nice
here, I shall go over to
E. Island for a day or two
still there is not much
time as we leave next Sunday.
I saw Mr Trupper in Galley
he is going up on the boat
with us, which will be jolly.
His brother is going up to

Mr Gill this autumn
Thank you for her
nice little letter. I am
afraid that I can't answer
it today but will write
again before I leave.
Letters go faster by rail than
than we do by steamer.
Best love to William &
A. if he is home.
Yours very loving
Anna.