

Rose Cottrill
Trinity. 31st October
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My dearest Auntie,

you must please
forgive me for having been
so long of writing to thank
you, for your kindness in
sending the maple-sugar,
which certainly deserved
an earlier acknowledgment,
but somehow this summer
has been an unusually
busy one, & I have let my
correspondence get dreadfully
into arrears! - Really Auntie,
I felt quite ashamed, when

that huge block of maple sugar
presented itself at the gate one
day. Thank you so much for
it Auntie dear. It was so
very kind of you to send it! —
We sent some, to a number
of different friends, both in
England & Scotland, & it was
duly appreciated by all! —
Now, about William's visit,
I can't give you the least
idea, how much we enjoyed
it, it was a perfect treat! —
The pleasure of seeing him,
far exceeded even my expectations,
which were by no means
small: he is a dear fellow.

It seems quite to know
him already; it was almost
like having George amongst
us again, although there is
no similarity whatever, except
in the voice. My friend
were only able to spend
one evening with us at
Rose Cottage, but we enjoyed
it immensely! Mr Frothingham
is exceedingly frank, pleasant,
but contradicted (in my opinion
at least) very unconvincingly
with William; he seemed so
superficial, while William
seemed to me, to be the very
essence of truth! — We had

a most delightful pic-nic
together, in Rosslyn woods,
& then all took tea with
Jane in the evening. &
afterwards had some very
enjoyable music, Jane
playing the piano, John
the Concertina, & Mr. Anner
a friend of theirs, the flute!-
Will & I only returned last
night, from a short tour
in the Highlands, which
we enjoyed so much, the
autumn foliage was very
beautiful, but I couldn't
help wondering what it
must be like in Canada

for even our very brightest
leaves, are quite dull
when compared with
those crimson ones you
once showed us! —

We stayed for a couple of
days, at a small village
called Strathgyle. There
is only one Inn, in the
place, a very unpretending
little affair, in everything
except charges; we had a
nice parlour, & bedroom
& were very comfortable
indeed. The view from
the windows, was simply
magnificent! — High hills on

either side, but delightfully
varied by woods & lakes!—
From there, we went by
Coach to Killin, & after
exhausting the places of interest
in its vicinity, returned home
via Callender & Stirling!—
Do you know Mr. McKenzie
the Canadian Premier? He
seems a very clever man,
he & his wife, attended our
Chapel when in Edinburgh
some time ago, & we had
a little time for conversation
between the morning & after-
noon services. — Would you

please give me George's address
dear Auntie, the first time
you write. I wanted to
write to him just now
but thought it would be
absurd to send it, for
you to forward, as I
generally write double post
age to him, & of course
I can't stamp it here, so
it will be much better
to post it direct. —

please give Anne my love,
& thanks for her kind letter
also, my congratulations, &
very best wishes. — How

dreadfully you will miss
her Auntie, I hope she
is not to be very far
away from you. —

I should like to have
George's address if possible
in time to send him a
Christmas card. So if
you are writing to any
of the others before me,
would you be so kind
as to enclose it! —

With fond love

Ever dear Auntie
your affectionate Niece

Ella.