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With very best love  
for Papa & yourself  
also to the boys & the  
children  
from  
Irene

Broughty Ferry -  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> 88.

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My dearest Mother -

I have as you see  
left Edinburgh & am now with  
Mrs Primrose near Dundee - I did  
not at first intend to come here at  
all but Mrs P. seemed so determined  
to have me & Lina too thought that  
I had better come. So I left Edinburgh  
on Monday morning reaching here the  
same day about 12:30 o'clock - It seems  
that Lina & the Bells generally have  
not got on together very well with Mrs P.  
& so lest she sh. think that you sided  
with the Bells I thought that I had  
better take a day or two off my visit to  
Louie Barclay - I hope that if

Old avenues of trees meeting overhead  
 & the most lovely hedges - The trees  
 there seemed to grow in a most peculiar  
 manner with little branches down  
 to the very ground not with long bare  
 trunks - The part of the estate that I  
 liked best of all was a walk made  
 on the top of a steep little bank sloping  
 directly into the water (you know it  
 extends along the Firth of Forth.) - There was  
 a broad hedge & instead of a fence to  
 prevent anyone from falling over &  
 every here & there a little projecting  
 part was made from which you could  
 get a beautiful view both up & down -  
 The hedge was so old & strong & broad that  
 I could lie on it quite safely & I assure  
 you it was a most comfortable seat -  
 I have no doubt that you will be  
 horrified to hear that I wore a  
 "Tamashanti" hat that day - Ella

made it for me & it is so comfortable -  
It is just like the one that Mrs Russell  
Stephenson wore but is navy blue -  
On Sunday we went to hear Mr Gregor  
of the Traron (as he is called) preach  
We included Dr Gordon Bell who was  
in Edinburgh for some time while I  
was there - Curiously enough  
Jamie Couper was shown into exactly  
the same pew - Do you know I do  
not think that I have ever found a  
comfortable seat in any of the churches  
here - They are all so high & the seat  
seems to slope forwards - I shall  
appreciate our churches more now -  
As I have told you I came on here  
on Monday morning & as it was a fine  
day Alfred P - & I started off in the  
afternoon to Dundee - It only takes about  
10 minutes in the train to get into town  
from here - We saw several of the  
Public buildings & what I liked much

Possible you will find time to write to Lisa & thank her for her kindness to me. They really did everything in their power for me & I enjoyed my stay there very much. Last Saturday we had a particularly pleasant day - Ella & Will. Kemp sent a large carriage round to Gilmore Place for us & then we picked them up at the Caledonian station - You know that they live at Trinity & had to come into town to meet us. We then all drove along the shore road of the Frith to the Earl of Hopden's estate. Mr. Kemp had procured a pass to the grounds & I assure you that they were lovely - The house itself is an immense place but to my mind not nearly so pretty as some I have seen - I prefer a house with wings & turrets & projecting windows & this was just like an immense box - But the grounds were perfect -



the best we were fortunate enough to get a pass to see the Tay bridge - We walked to the very end - that is to the break in the center - The bridge is absurdly narrow I think & certainly very high - There was quite a wind in the center although very calm on shore I was exceedingly glad to see the bridge & got a beautiful view of the town & both up & down the Firth of Tay -

Yesterday we went on an excursion <sup>towards</sup> along the east side of the coast I do not remember exactly the name of the place Scotch names I think are most unpromisable & certainly unspellable!! I know that we went by train to Trobair & then went a walk along the sea cliffs - All the coast there ~~is~~ consists of high red sandstone cliffs with wonderful little caves & niches cut into them by the sea - We went into one cave that went right through

a cliff & out upon the shore at the other side - It was perfectly dark at the center & we had quite a scramble to get through - There was another place where the water had made a channel quite a distance under the land & the water came rushing up into a large basin quite back from the shore - We could not go up the passage for the water was too high but we went to look at the basin - It is like an immense hole with sides about 100 feet high at the highest & is just like a miniature beach - The water rises & falls with the tide - We walked on along the coast to a place I think called Archmutie (or something like this) where we got dinner - After this we got into a carriage known here as a "machine" - that held us all very comfortably - It was just a large vis-a-vis carriage - We then

on to see the Red-hued cliff which is a steep rock rising abruptly out of the sea some 250 or 300 feet.

After seeing this we drove on to see the house & estate of the Earl of Northern - The Earl lives abroad & so we were able to see the whole house. It is quite an old place & a good deal out of repair but on this very account more interesting I think - We saw the supposed haunted room & the cupboard where the ghost come out of & all the rest.

There was some beautiful old china & some very good old pictures.

The whole day's excursion was as you may imagine a very pleasant one & the weather happened to be most favourable.

I am going on from here to-morrow (Thursday) to Louisa & I am sure that I will there also enjoy

myself. Really I cannot be too thankful  
 that I did come over before George goes.  
 I have enjoyed myself so very much -  
 I do not care much either for Mrs or  
 Alfred Primrose but they are very  
 kind indeed & live in a very comfortable  
 & pretty house here -

The Browns are spending August in  
 Oban so perhaps if George decides to  
 go down the Callidonian canal we  
 will see them all. The brow of course  
 will be in town & I am going to write  
 a letter to George to meet him at Liverpool  
 under the care of Mr Cross - I have  
 given up trying to write to everyone  
 of the family & so for the last week or  
 so have only written to you - There are  
 so many things to see everywhere that it is  
 impossible to write much - I suppose that  
 you will now be alone at Mat's with the  
 children - Please give my love to Mrs Campbell  
 the Redpaths, Majors & other Mat's friends -