

Mrs. Crane  
August 12<sup>th</sup> 1886

STONELEIGH,  
ROCK FERRY.

My dear Lady Dawson

I should have written  
to congratulate you on James  
Mansfield's escape, but as  
Eva was with us at the  
time, some how I did not  
think of doing so. What a  
wonder your husband was  
not here, the shock might  
have quite unfitted him  
for his coming duties,  
even if he escaped serious  
injury. How nice news  
from Eva's account to have

been small hurt, but if  
you still feel the effects,  
your injuries must have  
been more severe than we  
were aware of. I am sorry  
the black paper were in-  
jured, they must be more  
tender than the white.  
I sent them in a box,  
thinking it more safe, &  
only added the few spare  
leaves for the sake of bullet  
paper type. You recollect of  
places visited & contrast

with the successful  
weeks we have had lately  
gained only by the change  
of foot or back weather  
the latter predominating  
very little sitting out  
of doors lately. Arthur  
& his cousin Henry Blair,  
who is one of the "Canachian  
team" at Bonfieldon - have  
gone this week to the Lakes  
on a walking tour, but  
I fear the same will drive  
them home. Henry was  
in the best carriage to  
the one fare was in at

Portsmouth, I saw the  
accident. It seems a strange  
coincidence. I am sure  
you cannot have more  
pleasant recollections  
of your visit than we have.  
To me especially, it was  
like a glimpse of Long  
ago, but with different  
surroundings. We quite  
hope to meet you in Bir-  
mingham. Mr. Crow has  
engaged rooms at the  
Great Westmore Hotel.

After leaving Birmingham  
Maggie & I are going for

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a country holiday, Carrie  
& Alice are also going to  
Scotland in September  
so we will be rather  
scattered. Carrie has  
just returned home after  
a few days visit to a  
friend across the river.  
The Kestrels have been  
at Ramsey for some time  
Mr James Kestrel's foot  
is a perfect cure, he walks,

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quite well, though with  
a little pain. He is now  
in Scotland having <sup>with</sup> gone  
North <sup>with</sup> Willie on his way  
to James. Edith is still  
at home, but is I think  
going to Scotland next  
week for a long holiday.  
Mr Brown sends kindest  
regards to all. The girls  
join me in love, also  
in good bye & best wishes

for Rankin. It is no wonder  
that you feel sad at  
parting from him, but  
every thing is so uncertain  
in this changing world,  
that you may see him  
much sooner & often than  
you seem likely to  
have any reason to feel  
a final good bye to any  
one. Believe me ever

Your affectionate friend  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup> - Jane Crow