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Dearest - Mother,

Here I am in
this wonderful old city, & I
think of how familiar it all
was to you in your young
days. I sh^d think it must
be to those who have lived
much in it, like the Swiss
mauntains to the Swiss, a
constant recollection & longing
& the long, long twilight
are surprising, when I went
to bed, after tea, last night
there was a lingering sun
set glow still in the sky.

But I cannot comment
the climate - I sh^d scarcely
think November could be
worse. We have only had
3 really fine days since I
landed - & not one day

since we left Holyhead however
we seem to see except in
watery glimpses. It is so
misty here that one can only
dimly infer the castle, &
Arthur's Seat. yesterday after
noon as it did not really
pour, we went down Princes
Street & then up the beautiful
Calfon Hill. Such a view
there ought to be! we did see
the Fort & Holyrood, & got
a general idea of directions.

Sybil's flat is in a very
good locality. It is at the
corner of Ainslie place, & only
a few steps from Murray Sq;
Charlotte Sq. & at the back
she has a panorama - the
Leith Water with lovely gas
dens on each side. & the
Dean Bridge across, with
the Corstorphine Hill in the

distance. As we are on the
5th story we have a conveni-
ent view. The rooms are
very large & handsome. A
drawing-room, dining room
& two large bedrooms & a small
one, with another little room
that can be used as a bed room
but is used for boxes & odds &
ends. Nelly is doing the house-
keeping, & seems to do it very
well, with considerable advice
& direction. Two pretty blooming
maids are the household, & cer-
tainly must have a comfortable
time. They adore Sybil & our
has been 3 years with her.

I think of you as com-
fortably settled at Metis, &
trust that this time you
arrived & found all in order.
& had no settling to do. Just be-
fore I left Rock Ferry, we had a

visit - from Mrs Elmer. she
looked very well, & said she
would like nothing better than
to go back to you, if Elizabeth
was away. I am I fancy rather
regret having thrown over her
young man, & does not find
England as much home as she
fancied, at least - Mrs E. said
she was thinking of "going to
the Colonies again" - so you
can think over this, & if Elizabeth
really means to leave, you might
go back to your two old maids
& sh^d fancy that Mrs E. had probably
passed her critical age, for she
looked confused & reticent, by the
way, her uncle has died, & left her
nothing, only a trifle for the old
mother which is one responsibility
less for Mrs E. - Wednesday.

Today the sun shines at last -
& we are going out to walk

abroad & see the glories of this
most lovely city.

I saw Tina for a few minu-
utes this morning. she looks
well, & pretty, & seemed to me
much softened off. I am to
go & lunch with her on Monday
& if it is fine, we will go down
to Trinity. this day of discussion
quite raises our spirits as to
the possibility of going about
a little. Sybil & I talk of
going up the lake on a steam
boat, which will be charming
she is such a comfortable per-
son to be with, & buy out some
classes, & the people whom she
is interested in. As regards
of it, she does not seem to
have many engagements, she
has just returned from a
3 weeks tour in Italy, which

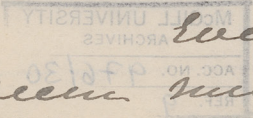
was delightful, but she re-
turned to find "Brewald" had
been sent to a Sanatorium
at King's Hill with some
lung trouble. He had suffered
from a bronchitic attack & this
had followed. The doctor's
opinion with hopefulness of the
case, but of course it is a
severe trial to Sybil, she has
been up to see him & is satis-
fied that he is well-placed &
well cared for.

Friday

We went to tea at the Nelsons
& there was Mrs Scott-Moncreiff
who reports Adelaide as having
safely accomplished the sea voyage
& Larum as being much better
really well again. I have also
seen Mrs Boyd - Miss Alice Nelson
was going to call there on their
day, & I went with her, he is most

vigorous & active, & perfectly
clear & bright - showing his age
mainly, by his constantly reverting
to old times & his own family
he showed me the photo of his
daughter who died in Africa,
& told me several of the woes he
had told you - there were two
daughters in the drawing room
one a dark, small, rather care-
worn person of 45 or so, the other
a young & pleasant-looking
girl - who seemed to be Miss
Nelson's friend. Mrs S. however
desired kindest remembrances
to you - & also Mr Boyd - I sh^d
not have supposed he could be
more than 70 - The Nelsons say all
his children are more than de-
voted to him -

Even here there does not
seem much time for writing & I
fear I am getting rather mixed



This morning I have had letters
from both Clare & Kulle & am
delighted to hear good news
from both sections of the family.

With much love, &
hoping you will try & have a
leisure summer, I see your
friends, I read your books in
peace. Sybil sends dear love

The view here is perfect, if only
we cd have a clearer atmosphere.
but it is constantly misty &
it is difficult to know if it is
fine, or not - except when
rain falls -

With much love
Anna

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