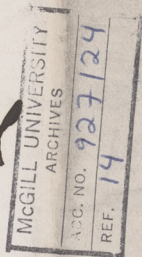


June 11<sup>th</sup>

M. A. Armstrong



S. Oswald's  
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My dear Mr. Dawson,  
I cannot tell you  
how grieved & disappointed  
we felt on learning from  
Mr. Dawson's letter this morning  
that we were to relinquish  
all hopes of seeing him  
here before his return to Can-  
-ada, & that we were only  
to have a glimpse of you  
& your daughter! Indeed

Dear Mr. Dawson we cannot  
consent to anything of the  
kind. It was a great trouble  
& disappointment to me that  
I could not have the pleasure  
of seeing you in Leeds &  
I have been so looking for-  
ward to the fulfillment of  
your promise to spend a  
little time with us here.  
So reconsider your plans &  
try & re-arrange them a  
little more in our favour.

I know full well how these  
slips away & how many  
& great must be the claims  
of relations & old friends  
upon you & I would not  
for a moment urge or wish  
you to disregard them. I  
only ~~but~~ wish you to un-  
derstand that only from  
circumstances of necessity  
can we release you from  
y. engagement. The time  
D. Dawson mentions will suit

us admirably. We are quite  
settled here & have invited  
no friends until we knew  
when you were coming so  
as to be free. My husband  
may have to be in Leeds  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> & after that into  
July we shall be delighted  
to welcome you any time  
you like to name. Will you  
tell me a little more definitely  
why you thought of going  
to Newark? Have you friends

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there, or did you merely want  
to see the place? If the latter  
please come direct to us, for  
my husband says it will be  
your best place. I let us  
show you Newville - it is a  
charming day's excursion  
from here. - The country  
is looking lovely & our  
own garden excessively  
charming with a profusion  
of lilies, laburnums, many  
rhododendrons &c - but  
I fear they will be over

before you come - Still I hope  
there will be something else.  
The children are very well  
& so happy, especially the  
Baby who grows fatter  
every day I think! -  
I hope you didn't think  
me rude or callous that  
I have not written sooner.  
I ought to have done so, I  
know. But my husband  
was writing so frequently  
to S. Dawson that I thought

I know you well enough to  
read my messages by line  
& really my time for the  
last 6 weeks has been so  
fully occupied that I  
have hardly had a spare  
moment. I dare say you  
know from by-gone expe-  
riences what the preparing  
& moving a family of small  
children & servants into  
the country for 2 or 3 months  
means. & then too I counted

to spend all the time I could  
with my poor dear father.  
He is I am thankful to say  
fairly well - but I left him  
with a sad heart. -

With our united love & kind  
regards - Hoping soon to  
hear from you - believe  
me, dear Mr. Dawson,  
always yr. sincerely

M. A. Armstrong

P.S. Prof. Armstrong will write  
& tell you all particulars as  
to route - &c. - &c. -