

Mrs Dow



Stoneleigh,
Rock Ferry.

My dear Mrs Dawson

It is so long since there
has been any communi-
cation between us, that
I scarcely know which has
written last. This is just
the day for writing, paper
by wet, and pens are going
all around me. It is very
sad for the farmers, the
fields are full of ripe
corn, cut and uncut, & scarcely
a day's hay for weeks. I
you have doubtless heard
all about Minnie's marriage

from Mrs Scott. It has been
such a busy journey to us
all. After our pleasant
fortnight at Lavin, Mr Brown
the two girls & I went to Beae
man, & then by the Spital
of Plushie to Pitkeathie
of Dunkeith, & then after seeing
the bride in her new home
we returned leaving the girls
in Strathmore with some
friends. Minnie has made
a most happy marriage,
and her new relations
especially Mr & Mrs's parents
are most charming and
worthy people. Soon after

our return, Mr & Mrs Scott
came to us, & as the weather
was delightful, we had
pleasant conversation, &
dined. We have now had
for some time our friends
our London friends, the
Keynes, they are on their
way home to America, after
three years stay on the Con-
tinent. Mrs K. is so old, &
so congenial a friend, that
it is her great
pleasure to have her with
us. She is of the best type
of Americans. The old wife
is at Geneva for French,
& Arthur is in Japan, if

he is not on the way home.
The poor boy's hearing is so
defective that by the advice
of his aunt, he has taken
a long voyage to strengthen
his general health. He
went in one of our own steam-
ers, & has a friend with him
so that we feel quite easy
about him. He is a poet,
comes penchant, & sends
volumes of descriptions
home. He & his companions
have had a pedestrian
tour of 350 miles in the
interior. I seem to have
enjoyed it very much.
He will be glad to have
them all home again.

This is a most egotistic
epistle but it seems
natural to write of
house affairs. We have
heard nothing of your
family for some time.
You are probably enjoying
your summer practices
at Netise. Mr Brown
surprised us all on his
arrival at Lonsie, by telling
us that he had seen
Maudie for a few
minutes. Unfortunately
we were all away the
next day so that he

thought of coming over
this year. Maggie and
he have since exchanged
letters, he has promised
if possible to give us
a few days when Leslie
comes, but we have heard
through Minnie that he
is at present visiting in
the South of England.
So of course his time will
be more limited. Now I
hope you will overlook
my long delay and
write me as early as
you can with Leslie
from your many affec-

women write and tell
me about themselves.
For there is nothing so
interesting to friends as
family history. I wish
the brief answer to each
other for we get there
are many things I want
to talk about in
a way that cannot be done
in an occasional corres-
pondence. We saw in the
newspapers that the lectures
in Philadelphia which
you mentioned were a
great success. I hope the
success, and a rather

Change of employment
has done you husband
good. All join in
Munich's regards and

Your affectionate Cousin

Lucie Crow

Aug 25th

