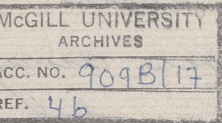


Gala Hill Cottage, Bruntsland

July 6th 1870.



My Dear Anna.

It always seems of y^e something prevented me from writing long letters to you.

Though now that I am here I hope to be able to do so, in future.

I have made most extensive plans for the summer in the way of Geologising, botanising, microscopising!, sketching &c &c but do not know how far I will be able to carry them out.

The reason I have not had time to write before, today is

that I have been going about Geologising with Papa & a local Bruntsland geologist

all day by way of getting a
notion of the geology of this
place before he (Papa) goes away.
We had a walk of over two
miles there, & of course a like
distance back this afternoon,
& passed under the cliff where
Alexander II. fell over & was
killed, in hunting. It is a
beautiful cliff & I must take
a sketch of it soon. There are
lots of beautiful sketches round
here & I hope to be able to take
some of them. & exchange
views with you. I have
invested in a paint box like
yours, but rather smaller, &
also got a selection of moist
colours for it. All half cakes.
It holds about 16 half cakes
& Cost altogether about
about 20^s. Am not I

getting extravagant. I have not yet had any authentic accounts of the results of my exams. But ~~if~~ one of the fellows has written to me & I have at any rate passed in all three subjects. I think within two or three of the top in Chemistry. I hope to hear definitely tomorrow & next day, at latest.

Mamma bids me be sure to tell you to tell Rankine how glad she is to hear that he is first. As William is first two you see I am turning out the stupid one of the family.

I hope you will enjoy yourself very much at Monkey Bay & have plenty of company & fun.

I cannot begin to tell you

anything about this place
 & our cottage here, but I
 suppose Mamma has told you
 all that. ~~I~~ I think it will
 be a very nice place.
 We have the sea in front &
 the railway behind with plenty
 of trains but not at all
 noisy.

We have quite a romantic
little place, with a "lovers
 seat" up on the point of a
 little cliff, all included.

Tell Mr. Stal I he wants
 specimens of *Helix hortensis*, or
Helix pomatia (I think) he has
 only to offer as I think I could
 gather a bucket full off "our grounds".
 It is only a pity that we
 cannot all spend the summer
 here. Believe me your very
 affectionate George.

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