

Palahill Cottage, Lammock
 Burnthorpe, Lifford, July 13th
 1870.

My dearest Anna

Do you remember
 long ago, in the far distant past,
 talking & planning a long pleasant
 holiday to be spent in Buthois
 by papa & I. How the still more
 distant past was to be recalled
 by ^{us} charming quiet ramblers over the
 scene much sacred by the memories
 of childhood & youth, especially the
 ones to be forgotten. Time when we
 were looking into a future which seemed
 the beginning of life. How far this has
 been realized: how far it has gratified
 & how much it has disappointed. I shall
 not say for this much of the holiday
 is now too a thing of the past! I again
 sit alone thinking of a far of land
 & longingly peering again into the future

with the old, old question eating
into my heart "Shall we ever meet
again?" Meet him without whom
I am indeed alone in this world!
Some days have just quietly & not
unpleasantly since I said good-bye
to papa. The second part of our
plan fairly interested upon so that
here I will raise my "Changes" & looking
hopefully towards the last try to spend
each day with the view of attaining
all the benefits for which this sacrifice
is made. Without George to weigh
the scale towards this side I sh. not
have remained. but in different
ways no doubt it will be useful
for him. I shall endeavor to the
best of my ability to make my stay a benefit
to him. Papa is to secure my passage by
the Astorian for Sept 1st & Jerry do not
urge me to remain longer. Goss
already knows that papa is going to
cross to Ireland to see two Candidates
for the Assistant Professorship. I go

on board the "Poussian" at Argy. The
same ship will carry this, but as he
intends if he reaches Quebec I find that
you have good news awaiting him
there, to go on to Montreal, before
going to Murray Bay I continue my weekly
letter. I got May have the pleasure of
telling him that after we parted from
him, we proceeded to the Academy to
inquire about a German Master for
G. I found that a German came twice
weekly, ^{prop. edic.} to give lessons there, but the school
was closed one week here. Mr. Rute, head
Master, was very kind promising to let us
know if any competent person should chance to
come here for summer quarters. We then proceeded
to pay our week bills to Butchers, Baker & Condit
which makes amounting to £6.6.11½. including
all our expenses since we came. In the
evg. Mr & Mrs Bell & Isaac, who is looking
very delicate, joined us. I this morn. soon
after breakfast the above named, Jina
& I sallied forth rambling as far as Green
Island pier where we sat until time

to return to dinner. After which we sat
out in force for Stanley Burn Gavery
& sat there an hour admiring the
beautiful scenery while George hummed
at the Shale exposing a fine fossil fish &
several good pieces of ferns. What has been
going on in the important town itself &
how he has spent his day. I leave for himself.
Your last letter came, dear Anne,
after I had closed my letter to you &
when there was neither time for me to think
or write about you except regarding mine
business I was most unwilling to refuse your
slightest wish when you have been so good
& thoughtful for me. So I left it for papa to
arrange. I know he will prefer to have
a little of all your company as much alone
as possible to tell you much about our
doings. I enjoy your society without interruption
for a time & towards the end of ^{the} they ask mine
to join you. I wd be glad of any opportunity of
showing kindness to Mr & Mrs. Papa will tell
you how very agreeable the Mother is. I hope
she hereafter have her for one of ours

intimate friends. We have also made
the acquaintance of her most intimate
friend & Constant Companion (Miss Balfour)
a girl, in some respects, in Circumstances
similar to yours & such as will please me
to see you here for a friend. but it is
useless writing what paper, I pray, may so
soon have the opportunity of telling "viva voce"

I don't expect you to like the dress I have
sent you by him. I found it most difficult
to keep before me while choosing the advantages
of different ones shown to me, besides everything
had had to be decided so quickly or left
undone we have been in such constant
hurry. I found when it was sent home that
it was too short so you must put it into
Elizabeth's hands & she can remove the uppermost
pile & add it to the bottom. You can also make
the waist & tights if you prefer & wear it off at
once. Papa & I have got a most beautiful little
watch for you. I think it will be hot for Rankin
to get William's watch & W. yours as being the more
valuable of the two. It will have been nice if

his ~~cl~~ ~~has~~ been ~~delighted~~ ready to give
Rankin — having come off first at N^o Carpenters
he all the more deserves to be valuable a
gift. Quas doll is packed in the bag with
your dress I told paper to take the bag to you
without disturbing it, to be careful in
pulling out the dress. Tell Quas I have a nice
cloak in hands for it I will surely get it
made before I come but I must first make
I repair for George. I don't intend to go again
to Edm: what was the clos^e of my stay here
when I must go armed with a definite list
I finish up my purchases in a business like
way hitherto I have bought at random.

I shall hope to write a few words tomorrow
I perhaps have letters to acknowledge.

Wednesday 13th

Mr Bell has just returned from
Edm: bring my letters from you, William
& Rankin. Written June 30th on the eve
of your departure to Murray Bay. On the same
day I was packing to come to Burlington and

So enthusiastically we crossed on the 1st
of July after a very early dinner I without
hesitation took with which to begin
house keeping. I let my precious ones have
taken passage for Liverpool instead
of Murray Bay I walked into our cottage
here instead of their letters I know we
all have a most delightful summer
The scenery around is most beautiful
I George is delighted with its geological
advantages. I am however glad I thought
to have again good news from you
I am now making haste to write
a few lines to papa at La Rochelle in
hope it may reach before he goes
on board there it will be so
pleasant for him to hear of William's
Success. All the dear boy has delighted
I am. I did not expect him to stand
so high. Greenshields stands well Cousin
his illness interfered with his regular
attendance. Friends here Congratulate
William on his success. You must
have had much fatigue getting

all ready for St. Bay. I may return
your good wishes I hope that
Comparative not I sea air may
rejuvenate I re-beautify my dear daughter
If the choice of a husband for her
is left with me I fear Canada does
not contain the man I will think
worthy of her. I think we must leave
the choice with our wisest than either
mother or daughter. I continue to ask
him to guide us in this most important
step in life. Thank Rankin for his
letter. papa has bought him a nice hat
& Genny has sent him a cricket hat.
He will be too much occupied
with thoughts about papa to miss
my answer by this mail. Love also
to my dear Eliza. I have been busy
to day making a pair of drawers for her
doll which I intend to enclose.

Mantime we think of you as your
dear old

Grannie