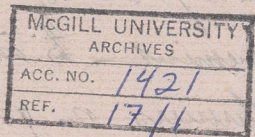


Galuhill Cottage, Burntwood
July 19th 1870.



My darling Anna

I have just received
your charming & very welcome letter of July
4th telling me of your arrival at Burntwood
& some of your doings there. The place here
has so much general resemblance to Burntwood
that I am daily reminded of it. & my thoughts
after resort to the scenes of last summer & the
pleasant friends whose society we then enjoyed.
Since papa left me I am in a curiously
anomalous place. Anna has taken the most
uncompromising possession of Perry, & as he
seems to enjoy his devoted attention, & his happiness
is what I must wish & I was afraid he
w^old soon tire of this slow life for the present
& let his reign supreme. Next Mr & Mrs Bell
are here. I judge from the little need I feel
for further company when I have my husband
I try to be with them enough to prevent

This supposing that I plan to go out of this
may I get find the at times Communist to in
our walks to gather wild flowers or go
to see what Tina or Perry are about.
The only people we know here are Mr. Pill
his wife & husband & Miss Lee of Galushels, all
stay very with him. He has a handsomely
furnished house & well appointed table
with a trained table maid. We were
invited there to supper last Monday eve.
I cannot resist telling you what we had
it is so foreign to our mode of living, & first
I may premise that Mr. Pill & Mr. Thaine Cross
from Ohio by a S. C. boat & had dined &
had before supper, which consisted of hot
cutlets & ham & potatoes with salad &c; followed
by Strawberries oranges & apples; which was suc-
ceeded by toasty & wine. The conversation was
mostly contrasts between Canadian & Scotch
modes of life - which Mr. P. seems not unwilling
to go to judge of for himself. He has been long
in the habit of paying annual visits to different
parts of the Continent of Europe & begins to desire
something more. They tried to induce me to join the

Social glass of Scotch whisky but I was not
to be persuaded. Thus ends one or imitation
& the only one we have to expect. Yesterday we
had a charming walking excursion which
has preparations & probably has excitement than
the one you describe altho' not without
its incidents. We started at 11.20 with
sandwiches & cake. I walked to Aberdeen,
but as papa has gone over the ground he
will describe better than I can. The beach-
tree grove entered from the Burnside side
is much more imposing than from Aberdeen.
The distant open gluck as seen through the noble
trunks of trees lying in the sunshine of yesterday is a
picture engraved on my memory to be often
recalled for ^{future} enjoyment. It happened that
an artist was there taking a view of an old
mine, in oil; & a photographer who is taking
views for a book for next Christmas to be called
"The Beauties of the Coast of Life". Our party grouped
themselves under one of the trees but the plate
showed unsatisfactory. He asked us to return
in an hour to sit again which we did
but we did not wait to see the results of
the second plate.

our figures will too small to be recognized
as likens, but it will be interesting know-
ledges to have the view we are to have a
Copy next Monday. In returning by a lonely
path on a thickly wooded hill. I had
observed two immense white balls high
above us. Every set off to discover what
they were I triumphantly returned with
one inch each worm. They proved to be
large, round pure white fungi the larger
measuring 38. inches in circumference the other
32. As worms I showed them to had seen such
monsters. I put the larger one in a basket
I sent it, with an explanatory note, to Prof.
Balgoun in Echin. We reached our Cottage
about 5. for tea. Lady Mrs Pimrose & Alfred
have come to spend the day. I had made
my arrangements to exclude myself for a quiet
long leisurely time to write to you & the other's; instead
I am, as has been usually the case, hurrying; the more
so because it is dull threatening rain & ^{the} Miss one
in the parks, indeed this visit is rather for
me than Mrs Bell. I am very much gratified to
have you like Mrs Carpenter & get on so well

with her. Watch yourself closely however
lest you should be by her unselfish kindness
gradually expect her to study your pleasure
is my most cordial love I say I hope she
will not allow the younger children to
be too intrusive. If possible I will write
a little separate note to thank her for her
flattering but very welcome note about
you all. It has given me all but a security
of home sickness. In short I had flattered
myself I was going to send you one of my
best efforts to which I instead, humbled, flat-
ter discomposed. My thoughts are that I
I have rather thin - each time before
breakfast. She writes is not so cold
as at Murray B. Still I surely please
come out again. We at night he more
delightfully situated to enjoy hearing them
George's sketch & a photograph which I intend
to enclose will give you / with papers
three descriptions, a clear idea of our situation
Every where around the country is beautified
has an contemplative & curious in
different directions. I wish it were the

his niece
By the way
Bell's father
is for my
purpose
is for my
purpose

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will
out
of
you
now
I
have
written
I
shall
write
I
shall
write

of the place to take my cart
A Cart for a day Cart 24 shilling & you have
business to do with man & horse. We therefore
of going to look down by Carriage but the
travellers have attended us - We can get by
thereby miss much fine scenery.
Here you get also here what a charming time
to be had but how ungrateful it will
be for me to grumble & grudge & mercy has
followed us through our journey & they
let us see how they have good news of
health & presence & restored. I never look
forward joyfully to news of papa. I trust
all about you & father who hints has given
to write me hoping that it may please Him
to write me to live more than before to
the house - I hope you may be made a
visit to those good friends you like so much
I in return copy them, in so far as they have
reference to your names & gentleness of expression.
I shall be very much pleased to see them next
winter but will not go to pay a visit to any
really nice people in Ottawa or Toronto. I am
now reading Bayly's life. I wish you knew