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My Dear Anna

We were very glad to get your letter this week announcing Papas arrival at Murray Bay. And also letters from Papa himself dated from Montreal. Yesterday Mamma & I went over to Edinburgh for a trip. We had been waiting for some time for clear weather as we intended ascending Arthurs seat. The morning was rather misty but it cleared up perfectly by the afternoon. We did a good deal of shopping in the first place, at least Mamma did the shopping & I looked on. We then went for a little while into the museum. It is very nicely

arranged & much resembles  
the South Kensington, in London  
though of course on a smaller  
scale & with the addition of  
many specimens of Natural  
History. We next had our  
lunch & then went to Arthur's  
Seat. First we went all  
round Salisbury Craig by the  
Radical Road, stopping every little  
while & looking at the view.  
Then we went up Arthur's Seat  
itself by a very gradual ascent  
beginning at St. Antony's Chapel.  
It was very hot going up  
while under shelter of the hill  
but as soon as we got to  
the top there was a delicious  
cool breeze. We stayed there  
a long time looking at the  
magnificent view, & Harrietta  
pointed out all the places of  
interest. The view was really

magnificent, the whole South of  
Forth, Edinburgh, the Pentland  
Hills. &c. &c. When we came  
down we went round by

Dunington Lock & Sampsons  
rips, arriving at Gilmore Place  
about 5 o'clock. We had  
tea there & started for

Burntisland again by the  
7.35 train. I suppose Mamma  
must have already told all  
this in her letter, but if so  
please excuse the repetition.

Mamma gave me a beautiful  
gold chain a day or two  
ago on my birthday. I like  
it very much.

Tomorrow is Rankins birthday  
is it not? Please wish him  
from me, many happy returns  
I hope you will give him  
a party on the occasion.

Everybody here is in a bustle about

the preparations for James  
marriage, more especially at  
Gilmore place for here we do  
not have so much of it.  
We have been out boating  
several times lately. Once with  
a man to Row, to Abidowes,  
once with David Kemp, &  
day before yesterday Ellen Maria  
& myself we went as far as  
a place called Starley Burn  
& then rowed back at great  
pleasure singing part of the way  
it was very jolly the water is  
calm as a lake, & several other  
boatsloads of people floating at about  
half a mile apart. Sometimes when  
one would begin a song the rest  
would join in & you could hear  
them quite clearly across the  
water. (N.B. I don't mean at  
Murray Bay)

With best love to Papa, W, R. & E  
Mrs Carpenter & yourself  
Yours ever affectionately  
George