

Edinburgh. Oct 6 /70.

My dear Anna,

You see I am in
Edinburgh still, contrary to
anticipation. As I find that the
2nd year classes do not begin
till Monday the 10th. I will
start for London by Saturday morning's
train, getting there the same evening
& having Saturday night & all
Sunday to rest before beginning
work. The only thing I am afraid
of is that such lazy habits as

I have contracted during the
summer may be hard to change.
But I will do the best I can.

Last Tuesday evening I got a
letter from you which I have just
received.

very kind note from Maggie Fuz.
It had been sent to Halsey &
& forwarded to her, & was asking
me if possible to call & see her on
Monday, at certain hours when
she would be sure to be in. I
wrote back the same day telling her
where I was & offering to call next
week when I will be back. It would
be very pleasant to see her & if she
has not left London by the time I
return I will be sure to call.

You seem to have quite a full
house, at home at present, only for
the extra trouble which falls on the
housekeepers it must be very
pleasant.

Yesterday I had a very pleasant
excursion. On Monday Maria
Clephorn was up here for tea & in
asking what places I had been found

that Rosslyn had been omitted & asked me to come to Dalkeith & make a trip to Rosslyn from there. However I proposed a better plan, & one which would not give them so much trouble.

I went ~~to~~ by the coach which starts from Edinburgh, at 11 to Rosslyn & got there about 12.30 after a very pretty drive of about eight miles.

The Chapel is very beautiful & in quite a unique style of architecture, very ornate & flowery in the carvings.

Of course the celebrated "Preston Pillar" everybody must see. Next the Castle was to be visited, & then I set out to walk to Dalkeith, having the option of getting the train about half past 10 if so inclined. Hawthorn door was not open so I walked down on the other side of the river by the public path which is just about as pretty & no charge for passing through. The road is very beautiful & the view runs along by a great side of the river generally in a

rocky bed, & often between quite high
cliffs. The whole place is quite thickly
wooded & the trees here, this autumn
are somewhat richly tinted, (though
of course not so much so as the
Canadian) by the long continuance
of dry weather & frosty nights.

I found my way very well by the
help of the guide-book till I got down
last Hawthorn Den, when the path
suddenly disappeared, after a little I found
what I thought was the way, across
a very rickety bridge with no rail, which
quite swung under my weight. This
however only lead me to a high gate
like a door, ornamented with a row of
three inch spikes at the top. I did not
want to turn back, so showing my
guide-book under, & my umbrella
through the bars of the fence, I managed
to climb over & got into somebodys
grounds. Skirting the lawn however &
keeping as far as possible from the house

Dear Mamma

Please excuse me writing a little note to you on the back of Annas letter, as I am going to send some stamps etc which will make the letter rather heavy.

Many thanks for for the addresses. — Mrs Guist sent a little note in answer to mine about coming. Asking me to thank you for recommending her house to a Miss Carmichael, but was very sorry that she had not any room. Mr Fisson was back & I should not be surprisid if he was staying. Mrs Reid,

seconded by Aunt Clephorn ~~xxx~~ gave me a very kind invitation to spend a little time with her at Rochdale at Xmas. George Prime-rose is probably going. I partly promised to go & of course it would be very pleasant.

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I got through quite safely & arrived
at a little place called Polton where there
is a Railway Station, & a large Esparto-grass
pulp-mill. The first train did not
leave till 3.30 which gave me $3\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour
to wait, not exactly liking the prospect
& thinking I could walk the distance ($3\frac{1}{2}$ mi)
in about the same time. I enquired
the shortest way & went by a very pretty
walk to Lasswade where you get onto the
high road again, & arrived at Dalkeith
rather hot, & but not tired, after
my 6 mile walk from Roslyn.

I stayed there, as had been arranged
for tea & arrived at Lilmore Place
about bed time after a very pleasant
day. This afternoon I am going
down to say good-bye to Aunt
Primmerose, tomorrow to pack up &
then start for London next
morning.

With much love

Your very affectionate brother

George

