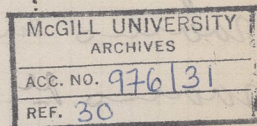


Princes of Wales Hotel  
Southport Sept. 1885



My dearest Anna

It was so very good  
of you to write to me so soon &  
no small pleasure in this crowd  
of strangers to read of home & familiar  
things. The Cake was in beautiful  
condition when opened at the Quay  
I sent the larger half to Mrs Elliott  
the quarter to Bottell & a thick slice  
of the remaining quarter to the Co. a  
smaller one to the Revd. & there is  
still a little piece left at the Co. for  
future distribution. I have had a  
most kind letter from Mrs E. in  
acknowledgment.

The voyage so far already known  
was a fairly pleasant one & a cradle  
of rest compared with the mad rush  
of life that commenced at landing

How do I acknowledge -  
that will be better - I think  
a nice one - on back of  
So envelope per-ally  
Anna thanks

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of Aquarium a large hall filled with  
beautiful things built in Art & Manufacture  
large lecture hall, Museum, Concert

rooms, smokers refreshment, dining  
rooms & two thousand six hundred guests  
are attending these meetings & in the above  
named rooms there is ample accommo-  
dation for twice that number. Last  
Thursday evg a full dressed society there  
was a magnificent dinner. In the museum  
there was a novel kind - in the large hall  
a combined string & wind instrument  
band. The Conservatory was lighted <sup>by electricity</sup> to  
represent moonlight. The lessons of women  
with the aquariums also lighted by electricity  
the whole opening one from the other or  
are dimmed by hand some stairways.

Beside there is a fine Botanic garden with  
the finest fernery in England, which we visited  
today. Also a perfectly lovely public park in which  
the Mayor gave a garden party on Friday  
afternoon. There are miles & miles of beautiful  
streets with only self contained houses  
includ & have not seen one dirty  
spot or poor looking house in the

place. There are many hotels - Sanatoriums  
 Water Cures &c but a great number of the  
 good houses are the homes of Lincolns &  
 Manchester merchants being about equal  
 distant between these two great centres.  
 We have the best rooms in the best  
 hotel at our own expense & I think  
 per the hill. I wish his name admitted  
 & modestly having escaped notice. I  
 fancy he already begins to find of how  
 much importance a title we have  
 been to him. Here are Lady Thomson  
 Lady Supper & Lady Siemens all lately  
 killed & at a garden party given by Earl  
 Derby on Saturday [these with a few  
 others were singled out for particular  
 attention. however] we enjoyed our  
 selves very much as we begin to know  
 more people & all was ever so hearty  
 within & outside of "Knowsley" the Earls do  
 mains. Justly we attended the <sup>Servic</sup> ~~three~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~services~~  
 Dr. Fairbairn - the leading man among <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~  
 the Congregationalists where we had a  
 deeply metaphysical discourse - intended  
 apparently to attract the men of Science

It has continued here since. The  
 Co have been more than kind. Mr. C. Mag.  
 & Arthur all were at the landing at 10  
 discomfited all our carpentry laid  
 plans to take our baggage to a boat  
 off there with only a henchman. But I was  
 at once packed off with Maggie, while  
 papa & Mr. C. got baggage - passed Arthur  
 by the at one two hours later while  
 papa saw Anne Mr. D. & Miss Rowan  
 safely lunched & sent off to [Staten Island]  
 & joined us late. <sup>at the Cape</sup> As soon had we  
 got lunch then we were off to the dress  
 maker to get our things in town per  
 Southport. - I need say no more after lunch  
 past to shop at Little back & another visit  
 to the dress maker - speaking to ditto South  
 port & left for this week sup [Mrs. C. accom-  
 panying us] our dresses follow in no [Thurs-  
 day] according to promise.

Southport is a small town of late origin  
 having many fine Churches & other <sup>public</sup> buildings  
 mostly of a kind suited to the habits & pleasure  
 tastes. A range of buildings called the White  
 porch contains an immense <sup>of</sup> Amusementary

In the afternoon a devotional  
meeting conducted by Campbell men  
themselves. Canon Incestram - a charming  
man was in the Chair & Dr. Shackstone  
Prof Hule, Pope & others spoke & prayed  
This was real worship. I left Dr. Shackstone  
who has three daughters he asked us  
to tea at their private rooms in a hotel  
This too was most enjoyable. There are  
in addition to ourselves a Mr. & Mrs. Middleton  
& Mr. Alex. Robertson of Montreal. Their girls  
are short stout & rosy faced - merry & cheery  
thoroughly well educated & above all Christian.  
In the eve we heard Ryle now Bishop of  
Liverpool. He is a good man & his simple  
sermon was good but an immense  
church full of people intoning the service  
rapidly is truly painful to me.

To go back a little Mrs. Crow came over  
with us on Wednesday. Pope having given  
her an Associates ticket wh. is transferable  
Maggie followed in time per Thos. Coice  
Mrs. Capt. Fitzroy Longhe. Carrie has come  
with Mrs. & Miss Rogers, & Pope & I have  
staid from the public lecture in the  
large hall of the Winter Garden to give them

5 the use of our tickets. Alue Robertsos  
is still here & in this hotel so he is in  
charge of the fine ladies. I believe he leaves  
tomorrow. I make no apology for in-  
coherent writing [you may well believe  
that there is not much left of me  
all I can do is to jerk down the first  
thing that occurs without going  
to classing. Tomorrow besides the  
lectures the must return some  
calls [to amongst them (who do you  
think? the impressible Mrs Lewis  
who attends everything]. In the eve  
there is another grand soiree & I  
think even I will return on Wednesday  
to Rock Ferry with Cass <sup>cross</sup> having paper  
to finish up here & follow in the eve.  
Mrs Thurs day paper has accepted an in-  
vitation to dine with the Mayor of this  
place & to attend a soiree in the eve given  
I think in connection with the opening  
of an Industrial College. He has written  
to Mr Hughes who asks him to be his guest.

6 [to know what feelings can be attached  
to such a letter] I have been proposing that  
it wd please one Letter to join him there  
on Friday evg. & spend the day seeing  
Christ Church as an old & interesting place  
I shd like to see & not involve ourselves  
in the trouble of taking exp. dresses &c  
As to our more general plan (we propose  
to stay with the Crofts till October 8<sup>th</sup> when  
we have promised a week's visit to  
the Williamses at Manchester. Mrs W  
is <sup>here</sup> with her husband, a pleasant looking  
handsome woman like Mrs Howard.  
While these papers go to Leeds per a night  
to give a letter to a Nat. Dis. Socy. This has  
been arranged through Mr Armstrong  
who also is here. From Manchester we  
intend to go per two days to Tottenham  
to see (Anna M<sup>r</sup> & D) the College (she is attend-  
ing there.) We may have two or three days  
to pile in (somewhere) before we go to the  
Properths (as they do not want us before  
the 20 or 21<sup>st</sup>.) Sally Simons - a nice  
Scottish woman has asked us to visit them

from Cheltenham as there Country  
house is near it (but no time  
is given). We have also a most  
kind invitation from the Patrons  
the Publisher who lives near London  
altho I do not know in what direc-  
tion. (We will also take Beauchamps  
while with the Rectors as we will  
be party on the way there - it is near  
Maidstone.)

Stonchigh Sept 26<sup>th</sup>

The week goes on - just on the  
end of having write paper for Christmas  
where we have intend to dine with  
the Mayor - Mr - Mr. go afterwards to  
Loire & return here tomorrow. (I am  
some also invited but she is do knock  
up with excitement that declines to go. I am  
do glad.) Now let me try to read where  
were your questions. - I thought I am  
gave all the L. E. tickets & asked you to  
arrange as to division of them between  
yourself. I had apply to Miss Saunders to replace  
them as I am certain that I paid my \$12 mem-  
bership. Would you please say to Miss McDonald



then I feel sure we have been  
unwillingly directed in all our  
plans about America. The East has a  
most favorable opinion of the College.  
It is hard study, but the time is  
regulated - the food good & the sleep  
sufficient. There few girls dresses in fashions  
It wd never have done to have taken  
a to Southport - it wd mislead here  
be pleasant nor profitable per  
A & awfully inconvenient to us  
just this sofly. It would also have  
been with paper or I quite out  
of the long distance to Southport  
have been undertaken on landing  
& we wd not have liked to see  
the College. We go there three weeks  
hence when A. will have treated us  
Stockings are very cheap. Greenmount  
Southport is a noted maker. We  
got socks per p. 2/2. Will enclose bill  
please keep it & say if you wd like  
any other orders from here or ours

return. Mrs C. thinks whole under  
suits for I. with Coat about 12/  
I have got my cabinet made  
over. Lute & lace in front & per  
L 7. I think it very dress - the lace  
know only 2/9 per yd. I have here  
got a myrtle green soft silk 2 6 6  
not too dress. have all these  
things will be known if they fly  
about so much - rain - crossing  
in cranes stopping into impossible  
times &c. I write to Mrs C. by  
to Kate - she will have lots of small  
goose. I have done my best here  
have no time for I. don't want to  
see I. Mr. S. letters had one paper  
line was starting for another gorge  
& not write for another month  
did not know whether finally he ad-  
mitted by C.P.R. on Columbia R. Love to  
Mrs C. Robert says he will write to her. Love  
to Mrs Linn & others. Love to B. & children. Perhaps  
I shall not always be so hurried.  
your aff<sup>ly</sup> Mother