



ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND SCHOOLS, AMBLESIDE.

From a Photo by J. Garner.

Dear Anna,

Manchester, June 17/85

This must be a very hurried  
note just to let you know where I  
am and a very little of what I am  
doing. I left <sup>Ambleside</sup> ~~fraser~~ early Monday  
morning and came on here, stopping a  
few hours at Liverpool on the  
way in order to look after some of  
my traps there. The Saturday before  
leaving fraser we (the Armstrong & myself)  
had a charming excursion to Derwent Water  
which is really a most beautiful lake

The hills are higher and grander than those about Frasnes and Windermere and there were just enough clouds floating about to make them look lovely.

adding  
cakes - for  
later

I am now staying at the Queen's Hotel, Manchester, and ought to feel quite at home. There is a special sitting room for Canadians with Canada in big letters printed over the door, and this morning I discovered a file of the Montreal Gazette, the result being that I have read too long and left myself very little time for writing.

Yesterday morning I went over to Owens College and found Sir Henry Roscoe there. He was very kind to me took me over the buildings himself, introduced me to a number of the professors and invited me to dine at his house in the evening. There of course I



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saw Lady Roscoe, who was much less frigid than when in Canada] - though I must say I cannot admire her. [They have a beautiful house and his library is very fine. A few months ago they lost their only son, a young man of 20, and the father seems to take it greatly to heart.

Roscoe is going in to Parliament or at least going to try to get in and probably will succeed as he seems very popular here.

He invited me to meet - him  
 at the Athenaeum Club in London  
 on Friday next and go with him  
 to the inventions exhibition. Dr Thorne  
 - a well known Chemist - who  
 was at Roscoe's last evening is  
 also going to London, and I have  
 promised to meet him at London  
 University on Friday afternoon. So  
 you see I am having capital op-  
 portunities of seeing what I want  
 to see, in good company.

Yesterday I was at the Manchester  
 grammar school where they have  
 very good chemical laboratories  
 and one of the finest gymnasiums  
 in England. There are between 800  
 & 900 pupils (boys) and I saw some  
 of them at work, first in the  
 laboratory & then in the gymnasium.  
 Mr Francis Jones, the chemical master  
 showed me round and was especially  
 polite when I told him that I  
 used his text-book as Mc Gill.  
 Prof. Williamson and Prof. Dawkins



were not at Owens College yesterday when I was there, but if I can find the time I shall call upon them to-day as I should like to see them.

I mean to go to Oxford this afternoon and to remain there until to-morrow evening when I shall go to London. Shortly after my arrival in England I had a most pressing invitation from the Evans' friends (I mean the family of young Evans the student) to spend some time with them at Oxford. I, however, declined as I only wanted to be a day there and wished to be perfectly free.

I had a postal card some days ago from Nina welcoming me to England and telling me that she would give me particulars as to how I should find them if I would let her know when I got to London.

Mr. Elliot also wrote to me saying that they would be very

glad to see me, but warning me that the little boy had two measles.

I shall be at least a week in London and then hope to go on to Paris.

How much more I should enjoy everything if you were only with me. The English lakes were so lovely that I was constantly wishing you could see them. One came upon "sketchists" at every turn. But dearst I must close with all love for yourself and the dear little ones. I picture you now as at Metis and wish I were with you. A - soon, the summer will soon pass.

Your fond husband  
Bernard.

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P.S. I have had three letters from you dear. Thank you for them. Please remember me kindly to your mother.

I have written once to St Andrews and hope to write to Sir William in a day or two. The picture at the Regent of this you can give to Edith.