

I feel it still
Dine like
him - God bless
you all -
with much love
to you & your dear
mother as well as
to home circle
1899 - Re Clare
Great Stuart St
Edinburgh
July 16. 99
Yours truly
Sybil

we are in daily life that tells - more & more
I've been meaning to
write & tell you about Clare, as
I am quite sure that theme
will interest you down to the
least particular. She is not
with me today; but at Trinity
with Mr. Lennie but comes back
on Wed. tho' only it seems for one
night, going to Arran on Thursday
to Lady Glen Coates - I had hoped
for a few more days, but I am
sure Arran will be better for her
than town - if her Arran visit
is short, I have another glimpse
en route to England -
She is a very dear girl & just what

I should expect her Mother's
daughter to be - There is a great
link of love with a friend's child,
& it has been a real joy to have
Clare - At first I was keen about
her seeing all the sights; but then
I began to think she was not as
strong as she might, so I asked
our Doctor to give her a tonic -
which he did & he says she is just
at the age, when growing takes up
all the strength & that it would
be wise for her to spend her time
in the country, rather than in
towns & going on expeditions - So
that the Arran visit seems just
the thing & the Lakes which are
to follow will also be good & very
pleasant - Clare is so wise &
so ready to do, what one suggests

And Anna dear, we feel that she
comes from a sweet fresh home
atmosphere - all her ideas are
kind & pure & true - the tone she
brought into the house was a nice
one - all my friends have taken
to her & say what a sweet
attractive girl - she is a credit
to you & me & Canada - I wish
for me, I love her truly &
feel as if she belonged to -
now that is the interesting part
of my letter, if you've any
thing better to do, here mind
the rest - Kelly seems to be
really well, tho' not over-
strong & will be the better you
change - Edith Nowat comes to
me next week & then Kelly's

I am going away for August -
where we're not yet fixed; but
I am writing all round the
country, enquiring about
apartments with attendance
for I can't be bothered setting
up a country house or cottage.

I feel as if I were travelling
over Scotland as I write asking
particulars about one place
& another & think it over as a
possible summer home - In
September I have visits to pay -
And you are by the sea, with
your flock round you, it was
nice to hear bits of Clare's letters.
I have thought continually of the
"glass of the Celestial City" you spoke
of & Clare is very responsive to these
subjects but oh dear friend it is what