

7 Great Stuart St.
Edinburgh.

Aug 5th

Dearest Anna, its such a wet
day, that I have broken three
engagements, lighted the fire in
my cosy little drawing room &
thoroughly enjoyed a long day
at home. Mr Brown & Jessie Tullm
paid us a visit, which was a
friendly break on a wet day &
as for our view, we just love it
more & more. The Dean Bridge
with its endless variety of passages
by foot, carriage, Coach & four
en route for the Forth Bridge &
bicyclers without end, gives life
to the scene & its near enough to
see; but not to hear the noise -
we are altogether very content with
our little house, & feel both as if it
were a doll's house to trim & furnish up.

Nelly has been ill all winter & each week she is to go to a nursing home for massage & feeding up. Perpetual attacks of sickness & the fear of them, have kept her on such low diet, that she is very worn & thin & we want her to be strengthened before another winter comes. She leaves on Monday, & on Wed. or Thursday, I go up to Bonaventure to spend the rest of August with those dear, dear people. It's a perfect joy to me to be with them, & the beauty of the place & all the pleasures one has there, scarcely come into my mind at all, I am happy with them anywhere. In September, I join Aunt Jessie & Geopie at a pretty little cottage in the region of the Crossachs & in October, I go up to Mule to pay the Nelsons a visit. So you see my summer pleasures are very pleasant ones.

And what of you & yours. I fancy
that you are at Melis; but not
being sure, I yesterday (it should
have been done long ago) & posted
a book for you, to University; I
suppose it will be sent on -
Your friends Prof. & Mrs Cox were in
Edinburgh. I am so sorry I did
not see them. Mrs Brown asked me
to meet them at dinner; but I
was dining elsewhere & ordered my
cab early in order to go on to Mrs
Brown's & see them after dinner -
but I could not leave as soon as
my cab came & arrived at Mrs
Brown's after they were gone, & to
my regret found that they left
Edinburgh the next morning by a
very early train. Mrs Brown
said they told her that your father
had gone to Melis. I was so
glad to hear he was able for
the journey. It will be good for you.

dear Mother to have the change, & sit
looking out at the sea, in that most
delightful cottage. I can hardly
believe it was only last year that
I was with you there. Such a big
change as I have made, makes
time seem long. I had my
first winter, a very short time ago.
Prof. & Mrs. Baldwin from Princeton.
He was at Trenton & loved my Father
so much, he was not stay when
he was gone. They spent a week
with me, such a very happy
week to me. When I have home
friends in Edinburgh, it just
makes all the difference. I
wonder when you will come, my
very dear friend, that would be
a joy indeed.

Have you read "Helbeck of
Bainisdale", Mr. Ward's new
book, it interested me so much.
The two characters of Laura &

& Helbeck, are so real - one Camp
for Laura, to Run a Christianity
where Christ & not the Church was
the centre & where one could go
direct to Him without interference.
Do you know, that here, going to the
Presbyterian church, as I do, at
present, I feel inclined to resent
the Elder coming with my communion
tickets - we are so absolutely free
in our church & go to our Lord's
table, without any one's leave -

Of course, when one puts things down
in writing, they sound worse than one
really means & you will understand.

I don't think I have really any
thing more to say - I will write
to you from my summer quarters

I wonder if Eva is with you -

& I shall look for a line
some day with news of you

all - How glad I am that Poppy
is so well - Is he still Poppy?

Give Florence & William my love
with ever so much to your

self my very dear friend &
with most kind greetings

to Dr. Harrington & love to each

& all Yours always lovingly

Sybil Wilson.