

Edinburgh
July 8th 1902

Dear Family - Such a lovely trip up the
Forth - Three hours going up, three down
& two at Stirling - Nellie & I went together
she had long wanted to go, & was supposed
to be my guide, but - anyone more un-
practical I never saw - Still she was
radiantly happy all the time. First we
had the receding view of Edinburgh, then
passing under the wonderful Forth bridge
then saw Queen's Ferry, where David, in
Kidnapped saw Mr. Craikell, & was kid-
napped - but - Bartholomew & Dalmeing, the
two residences of Lord Rosebery - Further
on Blackness - an old Castle - & Allea a
quiet little town. After this the Forth
proper ends & the river begins its tortuous
winding - of 22 miles to Stirling which a
straight course from Allea to S - wd be 5 or
7 miles - The Ochil hills are beautiful
& a sunny day with cloud shadows
& a fresh wind gave us good conditions
soon we saw the fine monument erected
to the memory of Wallace, it
seemed to look upon us from
every side as we walked
slowly up the stream.





Then Sterling loomed up on its high hill
& also seemed to face us at our
turn, the flat green edge
of the river contrasted
finely with the blues
of the Ochill range, & the
dull grey of the hill &
castle - arrived at the Sterling

wharf, we were charged a penny to pass
its turn-stile, & we drifted up the quiet
litch street, no cab was to be seen, but
after a little inquiry we did find one &
drew up to the castle, several of the old



houses had the stair case projected
in a tower like this, so that the
house w^d be undiminished by the
stair case - We passed a fine statue
of Wallace - having his name on the front
& Freedom on one side &

Then past - Mar's work an old house very
elaborately carved & the ruins of an old
church where James 6th was crucified at
13 months, & John Knox preached the cor-
onation sermon -

The old Castle con-
tains the Palace of James 5th the old Parli-
ament-buildings of Scotland & the Chapel
Royal - also the quaint old garden called
"the Douglas garden" it had a stone walk
around the wall high enough to enable
one to look over, the beautiful country.
one c^d see Ben Lomond - Ben Ledi &
other high mountains, as a blue range
in the distance with the Ochills near
& the Abbey hill on which is Wallace's monument.

marker, & the twinings of the river, & the
old bridge on which the Bishop Hamilton
was hung, & the point of Land where the
English were so badly beaten by Wallace.
5 Battle fields can be seen from the Castle
lookout, from which you can judge that it
was not always dull work to garrison
this Castle - We staid on the spot where
Queen Victoria stood to view the land on
her first-visit - to Scotland & later on the
present-king - also where Queen Mary stood
to watch the sports in the green field below.
The heading-hill interested me, where a
stone said to be the heading - stone still
stands - Also we saw the window where
the lady of De Douglas was thrown out, after
he had been invited to confer with the
James 2^d who stablised him instead.

This happened in 1457 & in 1798 digging in the
garden, turned up the remains of an armed
man, supposed to be the slaughtered man.

The carvings on the palace are very remarkable
chiefly figures standing, & others projecting
heads & busts, like gargoyles - no end of
curious events & legends belong to this
place & one could well have spent a long
time over it - but we had it - not, & got
down to the town again, where we had
tea at a little restaurant & back to the
boat & another charming rail down
the river, we reached Leth at 7.30 &
resembled up to West-Princes St. in a train, then
5 minutes brought us to No 7 -

I forgot to mention a fine statue of
Robert the Bruce, I always wonder why
his name is put this way, but it sounds
well.

The Baldwin I spoke of (w^o & Mrs)
sail July 31st & they go direct to Inlis or
Murray Bay, as their letters direct. she is a
nice little person, & much interested in
sketching. I asked her to look you up
as I could not find out which hotel she
might be at. A wet day yesterday
& today undecided. We go to 57th St as
Mrs Greenfelds this P. M. & tomorrow or
Friday I trundle back to Rock Ferry
It has been delightful here.

Lola's pin & its case has been most
useful I don't know how I could have
got on without it, & Liza's sponge bag
goes every where as a comfort. Olive
brush & comb bag is also most useful
& looks better each washing. Every
thing does get so dirty here the poor
people never have done cleaning & refreshing
everything - but the cleaning is very well
done.

With love from Miss Wilson
for you all, & special love to G. M. from
her & myself.

I want to know what
you think about my
coming home? - Lovingly A. L. & X.