

Please give me one of the
two notes to Mrs. Primrose
The other enclosed
are envelope & address
to Mr. Bell.

William has written
my father ^{very} hastily. I am ashamed
of it.

Wrote at
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your affectionate
Mamma

My father is tasked not a
little in taking up my pen to write
to you, it seems now quite a long time
since you left, & so little certainty about
the circumstances in which this may find
you that I feel at a loss how to address
you. I shall however make a great
effort to believe that you are safely lodged
with your Aunt Primrose in Musselburgh
or still nearer the Coast & I trust Contented
& happy; Constantly bathed in the bracing
sea-air, & sometimes in the sea-water of
your old Scotland - not yet grown
too corpulent as the good Scotch

I catch "kail" & "parridge" which I promised
would be your fare when you
left.

Friends here are so sure that I must
feel lonely, that they have been kinder
than I could have wished. We have
been out dining with Mrs. Cunningham,
Mrs. Reeperts & Miss Lum. We spent a
very pleasant afternoon with Mrs. Reeperts,
& she with her two young children & a
little niece, spent an afternoon with
us. Old Mr. R. came to tea & was so delighted
with William's new mode of propelling boats
that he went up stairs to see it perform
on the bath. You can picture how pleased
William was. William has been twice
at the Paton's & they have been once
here. I have also been out several times
alone - add to this that I have preserved

misc I made syrup of two buckets of raspberries,
two of cherries & one of red Currants, with
the other duties that come every day & you
will allow that I have had a busy two
weeks. The weather, however, has been
unusually cool with frequent showers
& we are only now progressing towards
a hot spell.

Today I have been rummaging over all
your unloved treasures & to facilitate the
cleaning of your room packed most of
them away in two boxes. I counted fourteen
ships & boats - now don't start! I have
hastened some of the craft to Rankins,
with George's love, believing that my travelled
son will here outgrow some of the
styles of boats before his return, if not he can
claim them again - or make more.
O'Hara is still about at Ottawa. Nina
with Mrs. Cornish at Mr. Barnard's at Brantford.
Mr. Baynes & Mrs. Sarath are at Guelph & are

to get him on this return & take his
with them to visit Niagara falls. I suppose
your friends Willie & Charlie have left town
too I have heard nothing of them.

The garden is a mass of foliage & flowers:
we have had an abundance of excellent
raspberries for the table ever since you left,
but not many peas - beans we expect to begin
tomorrow. The few cherries are being eaten up
by this namesake the birds. The melons are
swelling out nicely. but all save the apples
will be gone before you return.

My very dear friend Mrs Crawford leaves
by the Thames which carries this to you.
I was much disappointed at his leaving
so soon. I had been looking forward
to some business intercourse with her
before she left, all the past winter I have
been in such constant excitement from
one cause & another. She goes to Edinburgh
first