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My dear Mother

Up here, in this far north region, I had forgotten the distance from Liverpool & so let Canadian mail day pass; this however will reach you via New-York. Since I last wrote, I have visited many new places & met many new people. I left London on Thursday evening for Edinburgh by the London & North Western via Carlisle I was fortunate in having a nice travelling companion & one who knew something of old friends; it was a gentleman from the West Indies, who knew Dr. Borell intimately & had seen him within the last two months.

He gave a very nice account of his
his doings which naturally inter-
ested me very much. I managed
to sleep pretty fairly, though not
as I would have in a Paluan
We arrived in Edinburgh at 9.30
A. M. on Friday morning, too late
to take the through train to Aber-
deen, so that I left me four hours
to reach the city. I was much
struck with its beauty; it exceeds
anything in cities I have yet seen;
Princess St. in particular, leading
up to the Citadel, is wonderfully
picturesque. I found out young
Prasset (of Toronto) who is studying
medicine at the University. un-
der his guidance did the ward
of the Royal Infirmary & the
Chief Hospital of the city) a queer
rambling old place, as you
may imagine as it was built
in the beginning of last cen-

any. The Scot memorial is a very handsome structure, the next thing of its kind to the "Albert" one in London. The trip from Edinburgh to Aberdeen, though very long & tedious in consequence of delays, was enjoyable enough, as the scenery is beautiful, the chief portion of the Railway running close to the German Ocean. We had to cross two Firths, in a choppy sea, which unsettled the stomachs of not a few. At Aberdeen I was met by Mr Alex Cochran who took me to his house, where I slept that night. In the morning I had a few hours to spy out the "Granite city" & is very regularly built somewhat too uniform, but has a delightful cleanliness about it which to a Londoner like myself was very refreshing. I left at

at noon for Gleninnan. Mr R Smith's
place, where Edmund was staying.
it is a nice spot & he has recently
rebuilt his house, in grand style.
Both he & his wife seem very delicate
but probably his trip to Canada
with Edmund will do him good.
In the evening we went on to Bal-
fern, the Cochrans' place & there
received a heart welcome from
Mrs Cochrane. The trip up the
Deeside as far as Aboyne is
very lovely, but up towards Bal-
nugal it is still more so. I will
have to postpone the account of
my journey to the Aberdeen highlands
as I wish this to catch the Friday
mail via New York. We go down
to Edinboro again & from thence to
Glasgow & the western highlands
but more full this by the Caw-
ard. I hope all an well. Much
love. Yours in haste Willie