

tional Association, and  
got some <sup>interesting</sup> information  
about their work. On  
my return from Edinburgh  
last week I came  
down here, where Mr.  
Murray and our children  
are staying with her  
mother's family. Gare-  
loch, as you probably  
know, is the first of  
those ~~some~~ long inland  
stretches of sea water,  
that you come upon  
in going down the Firth  
of Clyde; and our house  
is near the head of the  
loch. I am pretty  
familiar with most of  
the places in the neighbour-



Gardlochhead, Scotland,

16<sup>th</sup> July, 1877

My dear Principal,

I should have  
written ere this to let you  
know at least of our  
continued existence in the  
flesh, — a fact of which  
you might have come to  
be a little dubious, if  
you had had any concep-  
tion of the solvent effects  
of the weather we have  
experienced since we  
came to this side of the  
Atlantic.

As you may be  
somewhat interested in  
our movements, I may  
mention that we had





a pleasant voyage —  
barring the seasickness —  
of something over eight  
days, and a half. A  
few days pleasant weather  
after our arrival induced  
Mrs. Murray to go with  
the children to the seaside.  
We were then in Parsley  
for a week or two of almost  
uninterrupted wet weather.

About a month ago we  
went to London with  
my father and mother,  
my father having to be  
there on Parliamentary  
business. We spent a  
fortnight there, partly  
in sight-seeing, partly  
in hunting up old

friends. That fortnight  
was the only period of  
really fine weather we  
have had. A few days  
after my return I went  
to Edinburgh to the  
Pan. Presbyterian Council.  
I had been there, also,  
in May, immediately after  
my arrival, during the  
General Assemblies,  
so that I had a good  
opportunity of resuming  
old, and forming some  
new, acquaintances.  
I had the good fortune  
to meet some of the  
ladies who are specially  
interested in the work  
of the Ladies' Educa.



Dr Murray  
July 17

home. You need not trouble  
yourself to answer this;  
but if you care to do so,  
my address is:— Royal  
Bank House, Paisley.

Mr. Murray joins  
me in warmest regards  
to Mrs. Dawson and your-  
self, as well as the rest  
of the family, whom  
we hope to find all  
well on our return.

Believe me,

My dear Principal,  
Ever yours truly,

Frank Murray

R. Dawson



hood, though there are  
some which I have  
never seen, and others  
I am desirous of  
seeing again. But really  
this climate is almost  
past human endurance:  
since I came  
here we have not seen  
the sun for more than  
half an hour, and only  
once even for that time;  
while all the live long  
day, on which I am  
writing, it has been  
pouring, as if it had  
never poured <sup>before</sup>, and as  
if all the rain the  
atmosphere could bear  
must be poured out



in half a dozen minutes.  
My father-in-law has, with  
a sort of courageous hope,  
come down here regularly  
every afternoon, to return  
every morning to business  
after imprisonment within  
doors all the evening.  
But hard experience  
teaches wisdom at length;  
and this morning — who  
can ~~claim~~ blame him?  
he announced that he  
would remain in town  
till the weather improved.  
I fear we shall not  
see him till we return  
to town, for I have  
given up all hope of  
improvement.

Well, we return to  
Quebec at the end of this  
month; and, with slight  
exceptions, we shall be  
there till the 23<sup>d</sup> of Aug.  
on which day we sail  
by the "Sardinian" for  
Quebec. I am happy  
to say that we have  
induced Mr. & Mrs. Polson,  
to let Mrs. Murray's two  
sisters come out with  
us. We begin already  
to get tired of knocking  
about in our present  
homeless plight; and  
we shall feel very a  
new relief and contentment  
when we get fairly settled  
once more in our Montreal