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My dear Mother  
I must say I am  
very glad to hear  
of your health & hope  
you will continue to  
improve. I am  
your affectionate  
son  
William

The boys half of  
is now, by the goodness of  
God, I hope ~~now~~ over. I while I write  
must try to think of you as safely at  
Murray Bay & enjoying the society of our  
dear children there, when you receive  
this. I was sadly mortified yesterday  
to have returned to me a budget <sup>of letters</sup> which  
I despatched to you in the hope they w<sup>d</sup>.  
be in time to catch you before you sailed.  
You know I am always late. Still in this  
case I ought not to be blamed for lateness,  
but probably a stupid address, because a letter  
sent by Swigg late than mine has not been  
returned & we hope you received it. I should  
think the latest good news from home to  
comfort you in your voyage. A letter from



Holland. I shall re-enclose. It is the  
only one that has come for you, except  
a nice note from Rahins, to say he has  
accepted the head mastership of the primary  
department of the High School. I of this  
you will have all particulars in *Procedural*.

I wrote yesterday to Anna to be sure to be  
in time but they, at the P.O. here, assure  
me it is in good time before this today.

I told her of finding two immense puff  
hulls & sending the larger of the two to  
Prof. Balgove. I received a ~~note~~ from  
him this morn. in which he says; "it is  
the largest specimen of *Banisteria gigantea*  
he ever saw; that he will exhibit it to  
his class, acknowledging to whom he  
is indebted for it. I try to preserve it for  
his museum". You see I do push out my  
horns a little when left in the front  
place. I ought to have told Anna that  
Perry has been over to Edin with Linn  
& got his photograph taken. Specimens have  
been secured which we approved &  
next mail will probably bring her a



Copy. I got on slowly with P's repairing  
of clothes, but have his shirts out making  
I have got some most excellent socks for  
him. If you do not object I sh<sup>d</sup> like to  
bring you some like them for winter.  
Genny wishes me to let him get a new  
Coat. I have not objected but our party  
here think it unsuitable for him. The  
mistress he has shown his figure has. I  
think he is providing for Sam's marriage.  
Johnny W. Patrick & Co. come over one  
night to see us & stayed of course to tea,  
we had a pleasant walk up one of the  
meanest hills in the city. The view from it is  
magnificent. He said Mr Wolf was coming  
next day but he has never appeared.  
I received four letters from you before you  
sailed & I was glad to know you had spent  
a pleasant trip with Thomson at Belfast. &  
seen the "Giants Causeway". Mrs Primrose & Alfred  
came over yesterday. She former remained & is with  
us today & very kindly renewed her invitation  
to Genny. She latter left last night for London  
but he & I talked over the probability of



of taking a trip to Loch Lomond & the  
Massachs together which I encouraged. He  
gave first to London so it will be some  
weeks hence before it can be carried out.

I continue to improve in strength but  
cannot undertake a heavy days work  
he always looks pale & tired for the next day.

I do not expect to require to draw any more  
money until the 1<sup>st</sup> of August when I  
shall have to pay the rent. Mr & Mrs  
Bell remain until about that time &

I may go over to Edin. with them to help  
to select some dresses I may purchase for myself  
at same time. Do not send a large assistance

I am not likely to buy much. I will however  
be glad of any suggestions from the united wisdom  
of Principal & Miss Hauser. I will most humbly be  
guided thereby.

Was news will meet you on your  
arrival & I am meaning to hear details of a hurricane  
mentioned in the Edin. Courant as having passed over  
Scotland. William must again excuse me for not  
writing & is addressing him. What a strange mixture

of things bits of the present past & future crowd together  
in writing to you before the imaginary link again  
unites us as correspondents. I sometimes accept of

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