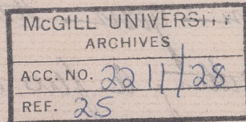


Burntisland August 19th 1901.



Croft has stated
his claim to the ant. by
Shuff's axe & has been
paid over month
Love to the Revs.

William

I have just had the
great pleasure of receiving two letters from
you, with news of your health & business
matters going on favorably — also one from
Anna with equally good news. I thank you
most cordially for this kind tone. I feel for
this continued goodness to us & am sorry
you were both disappointed by the non-receipt
of letters from us. I have been most particular
to write & mail personally in good time,
according to the information received at the P.O.
here. The North train is not always regular
& if the boat was detained waiting for it that
might cause Canadian letters to be late too.
I shall avoid all risk this week & must
by mailing ones earlier. I may tell you last

I kind to lay on when I return. I shall
attend to the various little matters you mention
in your letter. I am very glad Anne is
getting a few hints about sketching from nature
now that they are quiet at Gurney Bay she will
have more leisure ^{to pass} the time pleasantly. It seems
as if it were intended to rain here again. We
continue to enjoy most delightful weather.
I went to Edinburgh on Monday & remained until
last night. I finished my shopping & made
a number of calls. Amongst others to Mrs. Sturges,
but she was out. Mrs. Bell is very busy with
preparations for Tom's marriage. They have again
urged me to remain & return with Mrs. Redden
on the 13th Oct. I was for a time a little shaken
but have finally declined. I have written to
Mrs. Crave telling her I intend to leave Edinburgh
on the 27th & will have my baggage marked
for De Charge Station. I have had in answer
to a similar announcement to Mrs. Cunningham one
invitation to meet her in the Academy on Sunday

the 30th I return with her to stay all night &
she promises to take me to the Ferry next day.

The time here passes monotonously but
very pleasantly. Both George & myself are very
well indeed. I was glad you advised F. to
attend to her as I have been regretting his
remissness in this matter. I have done so only when
the tide suited before breakfast & can begin again
to-morrow. The water is warm so it is quite pleasant.
I hope you have received the photo I sent of the
Woods at Aberdeen. I have just finished reading
the life of Wilson. His journal has given me a
great deal of pleasure. I wish we had an opportunity
of getting Anna acquainted with D. Wilson's daughters.
Society. I am looking forward to read "Barnabas"
on the bayage. I had the pleasure of presenting
the book to you for J. Bell. She was a little
disappointed at first with the chain, but Mr. Lewis
was so much pleased that afterwards she sent me
a note apologizing & thanking us. The binding is rather
common looking. Hoping that your prayers may
be granted. Dear Mr. William believe me to be
your loving wife. Maryje.

feel uneasy about my being late for trains or
the boat, that I am more punctual I feel
more prudent when acting on my own res-
ponsibility than when I have got to lean upon.
Both letters got sent. One sent by Anna by the
Monday's Cunard Steamer I have only received
along with those mailed by the following
Friday's Allan line. I have previously received
acknowledged the bill of exchange for £40. the
duplicate today. The money is transferred to my
acc. Bank of Scotland. I fear you will for once
blame me for extravagance for I am already
indebted for as much of this as I consider
safe to spend in Edin. but I have completed
my list. I may or may not get a Carpet in Liv.
as circumstances dictate. This outlay is mostly for
useful things - The silver stands for the table are the
only articles that affect my conscience. I paid more
for them than I intended. I hope you will like
them. I after all I know you will not scold
me much if I am a weenie bit extravagant
I am hoping to be so good to you & kind to my