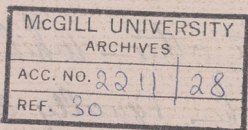


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Dear William

\*As I believe I am - I got  
for - all - to advise - myself as  
circumstances may call for  
carry  
As I have occupations  
I carry home that now intervals between this  
& my going to Liverpool I embrace a few quiet  
minutes, altho' early in the week, to write but  
I should find it difficult to do so as the <sup>time</sup> to part  
approaches. It was very kind & thoughtful of  
you to see Cap: Aird; it has made me feel  
more comfortable to leave as I do without knowing  
who any of my fellow passengers are to be. I have  
written asking him to secure a seat at table  
for me, more however to thank him for his  
kindness in promising to look after me, & to keep  
myself in his mind, than any care I have about  
a seat as I fear I shall seldom need to use  
it. I hope to be home safely back to you,  
but if not; "it is well". The suffering will be past  
before you know of it. I trust I shall be with the  
Lord. So think of the glory & the blessing of possessing a

good daughter well suited & willing to be a Companion  
& manager for some time I hope. But should she  
marry I have to leave you (which I trust some one  
worthy of her will induce her to do) you will  
probably have to choose another helpmeet, with  
whom I pray you may be allowed to finish life's  
journey. After Saellines I advise you to look for  
an unselfish, cheerful temperament. You ought  
to have a woman of culture & a lady. Any  
woman will grow wiser & better with you,  
for a Companion yet it is hardly sweet when,  
at your age, to begin with a bad specimen  
in order to show your power to improve. You  
naturally incline towards women of character  
so that you are not seduced by one of too great  
independence — not easy to rule. I have no advice  
to give to the younger children about things  
temporal, \*but I beseech them to make an earnest  
heart study of Gods offer of Eternal life & never  
to rest until they have satisfactory evidence that  
they are personal recipients of a new life begun in  
them. I still wish the interest of the little money

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your case must be divided between  
Anna & Eva while they remain unmarried.  
Should one marry the whole to be drawn by  
the other while she remains unmarried, but again  
to be equally divided between them should the  
second marry after the second is married.

If I thought you the very least superstitious  
I would fold this separately only to be opened when  
I next return. but believing you are not I  
merely add that I have no particular sentiments  
of danger. I only realize the possibility of accident. &  
it is true a matter of wonder to me that so impa-  
ful a life as mine has been prolonged. You will  
be shocked & pained as I am today by the news,  
through Mr Bigsby, of the death of Mrs. Clouston.  
She died in childhood. He is comparatively a young  
man & now a widower for the second time. His  
first wife is repeatedly mentioned in Wilson's  
life. When in London Mr Bigsby told me  
she was a very good & superior woman that  
a biography of her life had been published.  
Mr B. writes me very kindly as is his wont, if I can  
possibly spare a minute I will answer him but

it is just as I thought - Mt. happens. After I  
had begun expecting a quiet home Mrs. Primrose  
has come over to pay a last visit to me. After talking  
a little while with her. She & George have  
gone to meet Mr. P. at the Liff. train. I write  
at railway speed to be done before they return.  
I called on Mrs. Davidson when in Edin  
last Sunday but missed seeing her. I wrote  
saying goodbye, & today have received a very  
kind note saying she will call when I am  
in town on Friday. She regrets so much she has  
seen so little of me. I go to Edin tomorrow afternoon  
& intend to go to Liverpool Saturday morn. I know  
I shall be extremely busy. F. intends to come over  
to see me at the train on Saturday morn. Mason  
is very anxious in asking him to go to his farm  
here. He expects her son George from London  
on Saturday which likely will make it pleasant  
for both. Since the 18<sup>th</sup> the weather has been  
broken & very changeable. With all love to you  
dearest William I hope I shall have the pleasure of being  
missed in my own papers persons by next steamer. I am