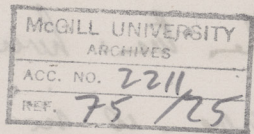


Mamma Birkenhead. Monday

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Dear Mr. Williams

You have been
so good in writing frequently
that I fear I am unable
to acknowledge each letter.
It is so kind of you sending
me various interesting letters
received from friends. I shall
either send them by W. or keep
them safely till you come here.

It really has given me to
know how much of your time
& patience has been taxed by

The workmen in the house.

I do hope this week begins in peace & with good prospect of your enjoying uninterrupted time to get on with your affairs.

Keep in mind that the 1st of July begins on Thursday & three days after that I shall wait most impatiently for your coming here.

All the Cottages in this neighbourhood are now occupied & the upper part of Birkenhead is tidy & pretty. The lower part is in a hopeless tangle. The trees have grown thicker & the grass & weeds more rank than ever. I can do nothing, it seems to me, until you come.

I can find only one new living Cherry tree & it is barely alive.

The *Scilla* & *Tax*: honeysuckle
 you have sent are ~~just~~ growing.
 The *tax*: honeysuckle at the front
 door is in blossom. The *cases* have
 not grown much. I can hardly
 tell if they will have flowers. I wish
 you had an opportunity of sending
 some of our garden seeds to Mr. P.
 Redpath. They have very few flowers
 in this garden at Lachine. Why
 should not Rankine walk out
 some day.

Most of last week was very cold...
 Sat: mild, Sunday very warm - pleasant
 this way but I doubt will be hot
 as the day advances. W. I think is
 passing his time here pleasantly.
 Did too much yesterday. Church very
 adorned the Sunday School in
 the afternoon & had the ev. service

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That Eva address her letter to Mr's
I shall send it to you by the mail
of the following day. I think it probable
that she will address a letter both
to Mountrose & here.

We are now comfortably settled
& I am not overworking. The
children present are being too
self-indulgent but that is good
I suppose. Mrs Carpenter says
Anna looks much better.

Paul's gracey acct^s was left
impaired - I will send a short list
of things I want to R. to save you
trouble & he can get the acct^s for
you to bring down & I will see that
it is correct before it is paid.

Believe me ever to be
your loving

Margaret

Have not time to write
this my - Thank him
for his letter
& smiling