



The Feis
Upper Largo, Fife.
10th July 1872.

My dearest Aunt

Mamma has set us all down to write to you, as she says her letter is such a scribble, that it is not worth the postage.

Thank you very much, for your welcome letter, received a few days ago. I am so glad to hear, (or rather to infer) that you are better, as you do not say anything about your health. What a pleasure it must be for you all, looking forward

to George's return. We are so disappointed he did not come to Scotland this year, before leaving it, possibly for ever.

I do so wish you could be with us here, it is a lovely place, there are no end of beautiful walks, besides the bathing, which we enjoy very much. The beach is about a mile from our house, which is rather a disadvantage, but the road to it is exceedingly pretty. Milly & I went down & had a bathe this morning before breakfast, the water was as clear as crystal. We are going along to Elie to-day, about five

miles from here. Lurgo is about
20 miles from Burntisland, &
being all together reminds us a
good deal of Gala Hill Cottage,
only with the very decided dif-
ference, that you are not here.
The house is infinitely better
than Gala Hill Cottage, although
its novelty made it delightful.
Our present one, like it, seems to
be made of India rubber, as it
accommodates every one that
comes, & never feels crowded.
There are three flats. On the
ground floor there is only the
kitchen, scullery, & lots of pantries.
Then on the next flat there are,

a dining room, drawing room,
& four comfortable bedrooms,
& on the upper flat one large
bedroom, all with beautiful
sea views. There is a very pretty
garden in front, & a porch
built out from the house, like
a conservatory, with a variety
of flowers in it. Altogether it
is most delightful. I return home
about the middle of the month,
as we expect a young lady &
gentleman from London to
spend a week or two with us.
With fondest love to all,

your very affectionate niece
Ellen.

~~Ellen~~