

Meggie Scott.

Relative of Sir Wm's 9th June 1880

Towie Barclay
Turiff

My dear Mrs. Salmon

We were all so delighted to hear that dear Eva was coming over to our side, that what we had hoped for, was to be a reality. The only regret was that your letter could not be answered by the return mail (being a few hours late) to let you know what a warm welcome was awaiting her from our household, and I am sure from all our dear ones at Rock Ferry. We shall have a loving letter on her arrival telling how we are longing to have her as soon

as possible in our country
home and for as long a visit
as she can

offer us. ^{Joyfully} We feel better
satisfied that with so many
friends between here & V
Liverpool her visit to us
may be a short one and we
cannot bear the thought of this
for though we have not so
much fighting as she
will get in the fourth & feel
sure she will enjoy the free
-ful country life.

Henry George will come up
to see us this time & give us
a chance of having our affection
made a perfect circle around
your family, he is the only
visiting link now for we
love him & love all the
others, and from what we

Dear from all his friends, to
know him, will be to love him,
so please, with our warmest
love invite him in our name
to come to us, and we shall
do all in our power to make
him happy at home. I have
not seen him since he was
a baby and am very anxious
to renew the acquaintance.
It is a deep disappointment
that we are not to have his
season this summer. I had
built for many castles in the
air over his quiet enjoyment
at home, and our pleasure in
his society, and in seeing him
return home next to year
you are looking to see
for much stronger & able
for work. I do sympathize
dear friend in your wish

on the perfect falling to the
ground knowing how you
are yearning for a rest for him
but when this cannot be, we
must meet rejoice together
with him that at least he is to
have a proper place for his
valuable collection, of a
life time, and to see in order
what must have been in such
confusion before, you took
want of room, and thus a great
trial to him & loss of time.

We were all much interest-
ed in the "Benguet" and very
grateful to Rankine for
his full & good description
of it. Will you kindly thank
him for it & for the paper
he enclosed; the tone of which
we liked much. The pencil
Mr. Hammond of whom he

write many many years ago
and were much surprised when
his faithful ^{Towie Barclay} ^{Currieff} preaching
so were doubly interested
in hearing that God was still
blessing his labours, and that
two of our loved young
friends were working with
him. We have had rather
an anxious fortnight; poor
Alick broke a bone about
the ankle spraining it besides
badly, but he is getting on
well now & able to walk
a little on crutches; the leg
is done up in pieces, almost
to the knee, so is quite firm.
He is so patient, it is a dis-
-appointment being to sit
still so much this time of
year when so much of interest

is going on around, but he
has the faith of a little child
& trusts so unswervingly in
all that our Father's appointed,
I seem to feel so sure that
it is just the right thing,
because He has permitted it
many a day on our side. He took
me with my impulses
before. Next of sleep & fatigue
have been me down & during
the last week I have had
them of my fearful headaches
which have given me such a
shake I can scarcely finish
my pen; this is the first letter
I have tried to write since
I know you will excuse
the trembling of my hand.
See Mamma is so well &
Lizzy, busied in the

richness & beauty of the early
feminine, as bright as the April
& butterfly, but not selfish
in her pleasures, for she pleases
you for a walk without
going in to please the heart
of old or sick people of whom
there are a great many around
at some distance. Her life is a
very simple one, but very
full. I am glad to pay the
head, studies & recreation a great
deal. Even happy we shall
all be when Eva joins our
little party. Poor Smith is
not any better. Mr. Selouson
has had a fine little boy
since her return. Our thoughts
are very often with you now,
we can better imagine your
mode of life at home, & look

Back with so much pleasure to
our happy visit with you there.
We have been wondering if
P. M. Harrington will be with
you; if so please remember us
most warmly to them.

Our friends at Rockford are
all well. Very many thanks
for your long loving letter;
it is so good of you to write
me at such length when your
minutes are so precious but
I can spare you your
letter as a great pleasure.

Minnie & Chick desire to
join me in love and love
to you and all your dear
family circle & believe me
your loving friend
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