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My dearest Mother,

I have just a few moments ago received a letter from Father to which you add a post script written just before George left you. The steamer seems to have made a remarkably short passage & I sh. think that it must have been calm for we have been, having such beautiful weather. I have not heard from George yet but hope to to-morrow morning before posting this. I suppose Papa's letter came off at Merville, so got here

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first. As you know I came
here last Thursday & have
been having more of a rest here
than I have had yet. I am
very sorry to say that Mr Scott
has not been at all well.
You know that he broke his
leg this spring. After this (indeed
before he had quite recovered)
he was driving in his dog-cart
when the horse fell & Mr S -
was thrown out very forcibly
upon his head. This happened
about 7 miles from here so he
had a long drive home which
you know was very bad for him
& ever since he has not been
quite an invalid. Minnie
in her letters to me did not tell
me anything about this. He is
now much better but has to
be kept from any excitement.

Mrs Scott's time of course is much
 taken up with reading to & amusing
 him - But you must not think
 that I am in their way here - I
 do not really think that I am for
 they treat me just as one of the
 household & the only difference
 is, that if Mr S - had been well
 they wd. have troubled themselves
 by making pic-nics & parties for
 me - But as you know I am
 delighted to get the rest & spend
 my time very pleasantly in walking
 about with Minnie, playing
 Lawn Tennis, reading, eating
 gooseberries - &c. &c. - Mrs Scott
 also hopes to see George & says
 Mr Scott is quite looking forward
 to his coming. Mr Scott sits up
 now at the window & we go
 to his room & pay him visits.

He seems to me quite bright & not
 like an invalid for he always is
 ready to chat with you but I suppose
 that he is still weak - Mrs Rudolph
 three eldest boys are here now
 Willie, Robbie, & Primrose - They
 were here when I came & I believe
 are to remain some time - They are
 very nice boys & we have delightful
 games with them - Kelly Cove
 is a lovely place - & what charms
 me so much is the quantity of fruit -
 They all are really delighted to
 have anyone who will eat it -
 We every day go to the gardens
 & pick as much as we wish of
 gooseberries, strawberries & raspberries
 & the quantity we consume is
 prodigious - We have had several
 very pleasant drives & one charming
 day on the sea coast - We went

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by rail to Banff (about 16 miles) &
then walked away along the coast.
The cliffs are beautiful at some
places going directly into the sea
& at other places broken apart & deep
little sandy beaches in between -
Minnie & I both had delightful
bathes

To-day is the warmest day I have had
since I left Canada. But even this
heat is not much - only enough to make
us feel lazy - Accordingly we (i.e.
Minnie & I) sat comfortably most
of the morning upon shells under
the trees & read Turgon - After
this we drove to see a flower &
cattle show at Eyrie some 6
miles off - I enjoyed it very much
& Minnie introduced me to several
of her friends there - The majority
here seems to consist of ministers -
There were two spending the day, the

day I arrived - Another who spent the Sunday & Monday, a third to tea one night & I was introduced to two today at the shoot - The Scotts indeed seem to keep open house & not withstanding Mrs Scotts illness quite a number of people have spent the afternoons or evenings here - The railway station is just a few minutes walk from the gate & so it is often very convenient for people to come by one train - take dinner or tea & return by another -

Wednesday morning - I have just received a note from George - He intends as I thought he wd. to stay a couple of days with Ella at Trinity & then come on here for me - I should think fr. wh. he says that he will be here probably about Friday & then we will leave together at the

beginning of the week -
 As to the dinner set I almost side
 with Anna also that the corner
 dishes are sufficient but will converse
 with George when he comes - I have
 not so far as you know told you
 almost anything that I have bought
 partly because I have so much else
 to tell you & partly because I
 think that it will be pleasanter
 to just show you the things & then
 you will not be expecting too much
 of any one purchase - I was quite
 surprised to find that Papa had
 sent another remittance (I mean the
 one to Mr Bell) & have asked Mr Bell
 to give it to George -

When in Edinburgh I did get the
 plate like the dinner set that I spoke
 of - It is the one that Tina liked best
 but I do not so much like the quality
 of the ware - It is just the same

sort as our one at home - I am going to
 ask George if he thinks it possible to
 send the plate out to you - Perhaps Mr. Bovey
 might take it he sails I believe by the
 end of this month - And now I must
 tell you what Mr. Scott did last night -
 I went up to pay him my evening visit
 & he more than surprised me by showing
 me some 10 or 12 most beautiful gold
 broaches & telling me to decide upon
 one for myself as a remembrance they
 had said of Louis - Was it not almost too
 good of them? I really did not like to
 decide at all but finally selected a
 beauty with four pearls & a red stone
 in the centre just the colour of my
 necklet - Besides this they are sending
 another with pearls to Anne but
 perhaps you had better not tell her -
 You know I have rather a weakness
 for jewelry & so was particularly
 pleased - You need not be the least

alarmed about my health for I never
 I think felt better - Indeed ever
 since I landed I have been quite
 ashamed of my appetite - I was weighed
 in London & intend to be again weighed
 before sailing & I am sure that I will
 find a tremendous increase - At
 Edinburgh alone I gained several pounds.
 But it is getting near part time so I
 must close - I hope Papa understands
 why I do not write personally to him.
 You see I consider it better to write
 one longer letter - I received yesterday
 among other letters one from Rachine
 written from a place near Kingston -
 Mrs Scott says to thank you very
 much for your letter & that she will
 write soon to you if possible - She &
 Mr Scott with Minnie send best
 love to you all at Natis & to Anna
 in town - With best love to all
 the family from your most affectionate
 son

P. S. Please also give my love to Mrs
Serpenter & tell her that Mrs Scott
asked me to give her her kindest
remembrances - All here often speak
of their visit to Metis & of all the
friends they met there -

Please tell William that I am very sorry
not to have written to him -

