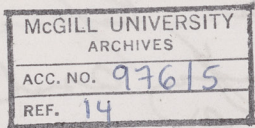


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Towie Barclay

Turriff

15th October 1880

My very dear friend
I did not think when your last kind letter was received that such a length of time would pass before it was answered but as Eva told you what a persuasion of necessity I have had, feel free you have but thought me unloving or forgetful. My dear friend this has been a strange persuasion indeed to us, & very different from the previous one, which was so full of pleasure & sunshine to the three of us; yet though we have been tried, we can say from the depth of our hearts "Gods will may have followed us" and

We have learned so many lessons
of God's power to satisfy and
fill our hearts with peace
when all that was but looked
on death seemed slipping from
our grasp, that on looking back,
three months do not seem dark
but lit up with heaven's own
brightness and they have left
us with the comforting thought
that come what may, nothing
can take our God's Kingdom
from us. I do not know
whether Eva has told you what
a harvest scribe my dear
husband has made of his
life, and I can scarcely write
of it yet, but had he fallen
a little more on the top of his
head his neck would have
been broken. as it was, all the
muscles of it were strained
& swollen; the wheel went

twice over the broken leg, the
muscles were torn from his
back, and most of all his
head was so badly bent the
doctors were exceedingly
anxious about his brain,
and his suffering were so
dearful for weeks & weeks
that we often feared he would
never be well again. As soon
as he was able to go about the
doors a little we started
for Keien, spent a few days
there breathing in the strong sea
air which seemed to cheer him
a little: after a day or two we
went to South Pepper and
from the very first he improved
we remained there weeks &
came home full of gratitude
you may imagine. Since then
we have had another little
change & now he is almost

as well as ever, able to be out
with his gun every day and
twice has driven to Kately.
As I hear him whistling in
his old cheery way as he goes
about his duties my eyes will
fill as I realize for being who
it is who has given him back
to me and been different all
might have been. I desire for
sincerely from this time to be
fully consecrated to his service.
We did enjoy having dear Eva
and George with us, and every
day they entertained themselves
more ^{and} in our hearts. Altho' just
forever we that he could not
see more of them, he seemed
to feel this more than all the
joy for we had been looking
forward for long to the pleasure
of having them in our home
making their visit a pleasant
one. We had been out to love Eva

before but every day she was with
us we were fondle & fondle of
her until it was real pain to
part, and it was just the same
with George: we were cheered
with him and do not wonder at
the place he fills in the affection
of you all. It was hard to let
them go so soon but we had
we felt it would be selfish to
try to change their plans, I must
just look forward to another
Plouffe visit. I had a kind
letter from him a few
weeks ago and was greatly pleased
at him saying he looks back
upon Socie as a joyful part
of life, I am glad he found
it so & only wish we could
have them back for weeks &
weeks. What a treasure Socie
Era will be to you this winter;
she has been & heard so much of
all that is delightful & has drunk

it all in & am free to be given
and given to you & then enjoyed
our own again. We heard through
Mr. Pease today that the P. & S. boys
are expected at Stoneleigh about
the 22^d; we feel almost surprised
of our friends being there in
their home again. Minnie has
been knitting a shawl for you
and one for Eva and I have
just finished two little binders
for Anna's sweet daughter,
which I hope she will accept
with my love; it was a pleasure
knitting them for the girl of
whom I have such a sweet
remembrance; we are finish-
ing on the shawl tomorrow.
Many thanks for the paper
with the account of the laying
down of the foundation stone.
We read it with the greatest of
pleasure, and enjoyed the
services the Governor General

focused on your noble rescued
Jains which every one who
knows him must have felt
were well rescued.

I must thank you lovingly for
the pretty Indian work you
sent me by George, it was so kind
to think of what I would prize
most, when you were so busy;
one of the bedrooms is pretty
scented by the basket, & every
time I go into the room, you
see as before me.

We were so pleased to see by
the paper you sent that dear
Anna had got another son
and trust he will be as good
a pleasure as the others were
when we were together at
Mater, St. Levington & she seemed
so perfectly happy with their
treasures; please give him a
kind message of remembrance
from us. Minnie is so happy

this week, Mr. Bevil is with
us, and you can imagine the
rest. I have seen two more
devoted than they are. The
marriage will likely be in the
next summer, but it is too
painful a prospect to think
much about, we shall miss
her dreadfully.

I am reading the life of Miss
Severall by her picture &
feel much refreshed by it:
Have you read it? what a
noble consecrated life she
lived! and yet Jesus did do
more for her than he has
done for us, I am willing yet to
do by His Spirit. I must have
my good night by dear friend
with much love from our
faring circle to you & Jones,
and with a message from my
husband saying he thinks often
often of about Paris & the dear ones
we had there. I believe he ever
your loving friend Maggie Scott