

Mr. Crow

ACC. 1377

STONELEIGH,

ROCK FERRY.

My dear Cousin

On receiving your welcome letter, my first impulse was to reply at once to your enquiries about Maggie Scott and Maurice, but various things prevented, & as both Mr. tells me she has written to you, you have probably heard of them. But, permit me convey through you, my (very late) congratulations to Mr & Mrs. William

which in Minnie's case,
was the chief danger. I
am sorry not to be able to
report so favorably of Aunt
Maggie. She has suffered
much from rheumatism
the last few months, & her
deafness has increased. She
says no one knows what a
trial it is to her. She has
said of conversation. But
yet she is always cheerful,
her natural good spirits,
& unfeigned trust in a
Father's love, make her
life a happy one. We have
not seen her since July when
she & Abel made us a visit.
You would be surprised

that Mr Crow has taken the
two girls to Bombay, but not
more than we were at the
proposal. Mr C needed a rest,
& does not like travelling
alone. I trust they will all
benefit by the trip which is
expected to last three months.
Carrie has suffered much in
health from our very un-
pleasant weather, & Magin
had very rheumatic. We
have heard of from them
& are expecting letters from
Malta daily. They were en-
joying themselves immensely.
In reply to a question I
know you would ask, if
here, I cannot stand heat
& declined joining them for

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ago. They are in the P&O line
I thought they ought meet
somewhere, but
of course they will not.
We are looking forward to
the pleasure of seeing you
all in summer. I am glad
you & Eva are coming early
as we may then see more of
you than if you waited
for the bustle of the B.C.
I have formed no plans for
the summer yet beyond the
hope of going to London
for the Exhibition. It
promised to be a very

interesting one. Colonial
is now a word of wide
meaning and interest
I do not say you hope that
Mansfield will settle down
now after his savings of feel
interested to know in what
place he will decide to
remain. As regards shopping
I fear it was I who acted a
selfish part in judging
you the time once the sales.
I can only promise not
to do it again. They come
so often here, that there is
not the temptation to say

in large supplies at once. but
it is different with you.
One small party, or three
Alice & I send love. Alice
says she is going to write
Cha soon. The letters are
sent for so I must close
our fare affectionate cousin
Love Cousin

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