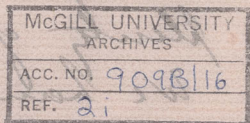


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My Dear Anna.

We just heard
last night of the Prussians arrival in
Dresden, through Mr Crow who
wrote to say that the telegram

had arrived. Otherwise we would
not have known as it did
not appear in the paper which we
take here. Mamma has been
in Edinburgh since yesterday
morning doing some shopping, &
we don't expect her back till tomorrow.

The household at present consists
therefore of Christina, Jessy & Louisa Kell
& Ellen who is over spending a
few days. The other Mrs Kemp
(Maggie) is coming over perhaps today
for a little time.

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You seem to be having
lively times at Murray Bay &
plenty of company, & boating.
We have very little or rather
none of the latter here as all
the people are so terribly afraid
of boats.

Last Saturday we went on
an excursion by the railroad to
Dysart meaning to walk back from
there to Kirkcaldy & there take the
train again & come home. After
inspecting the town of Dysart & going
out on the pier we walked along
the shore a little way in the direction
of Kirkcaldy & sat down & had our
lunch. At Dysart there is a
beautiful old ivy covered church
tower, of the Parish Kirk. It is very
old & the church at its foot is
ruinous. I never saw anything
so like one of the typical drawing
copy studios. I made a little pencil

sketch of it which however I have
now yet got time to finish. It
is so easy I think to make the
beginning of sketches whether water-colour
or pencil but I always feel so
lambly lazy about getting to work to
finish them. Well, after my
long digression — After we had
had our lunch it was so awfully
hot & the shore toward Kirkcaldy
was so rough & impassible that
Aunt Uncle & Mamma decided to
turn back & walk along the high road
to Kirkcaldy station & Lisa & I went
along the shore. We were rewarded for
doing so by seeing Ravenscraig Castle
which is a beautiful old ruin
& also a large old iron clad down cot
of the substantial kind which it was
the fashion to construct
long ago. But the best
was simply terrific, on the
sand, in front of the cliffs, & with a
breath of air. So that although there

were fossils in the rocks I could not stop to get them. ~~After~~ After we got to Kirkcaldy we had to walk through that "long town" & wait a couple of hours at the railway station for the train. Our other friends did not make their appearance, but we were relieved to see them on the train when it came up. They were so overpowered by the heat that they gave up the walk & waited all the time at Dysart station.

A day or two ago we had a walk up the Birn Hill & a really magnificent view. You did not write to me last mail so I don't address you a very long letter this time.

With love to all

Believe me your affectionate
George.

The two enclosed newspaper scraps are for William. Especially the Mosquito one.

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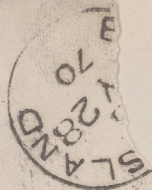
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