

Liverpool

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My Dear Mother

I closed my letter for the English mail last night telling you we had reached the place in safety and have spent the day in sight seeing the great event has been the visit of the Shah of Persia or as he styles himself the King of Kings it was truly a magnificent affair. Mother and I got into a first rate place to see him he passed close to us perhaps not one four feet and we were not crowded at all. Liverpool is a great city the immense importance of its commerce surprises me it is a quaint place too many of its streets so narrow that two carts cannot pass each each and several with great ware houses six or seven stories high built of dark stone and iron many of the ceilings are arched with brick and brick floors the public buildings are very substantial imposing so I thought Montreal a solid looking city but it does not compare with this place there the docks and shipping are truly wonderful.

I cannot say enough about them we  
had a very hard days work to day and  
I went to bed quite sick which our  
tender quite in into the night I missed  
my dear wife who has always so faithfully  
fully attended me when ailing  
Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> Felt better this morn-  
ing and after breakfast went out  
for fresh sight seeing transport till  
one o'clock when we came to our Hotel  
for lunch intending to leave for Long  
holm at two twenty P.M. we have put  
up at the George Hotel a real great  
family kind of place well and most  
comfortably attended to we left the  
Lime Street Station precisely on time  
The rail way travelling here is so very  
different from what it is with us though  
I must say much better than I have  
led to expect on starting we ran im-  
mediately into a tunnel as dark as  
Egypt and I dare not say how long  
it appeared to me to be several miles  
and sped away on to Carlisle passing  
through a miserably poor country with  
some very charming scenery and in  
many coal mines and iron mines for

town we passed through Preston on the  
way the town where I was born and  
very at Carlisle at half past six the  
cars make good time we must have  
run at the rate of forty miles an hour  
I changed cars here and left Miller  
who went in to Glasgow I arrived  
in Lanark about eight o'clock and  
~~was~~ found my friends directly I ex-  
pect to stay here two or three days and  
perhaps go on to Glasgow this is a charming  
place here for scenery the country  
from Carlisle here is very fine indeed  
but I would not exchange our coun-  
ty of Wexford for all I have seen yet  
as an agricultural section the scenery  
all around here is grand it is at the  
junction of three small rivers which  
unite in the town and the hills rise  
in numerous grandeur all around each  
stream has its valley and its hills the  
The Duke of Buccleugh owns nearly  
all the land here he has a residence  
but it is a shabby looking affair in  
other respects I have not been close to it  
yet there are beautiful spots and walks  
all around here but it has ruined so

far nearly all the time I have been here  
I have got a nice room at the Hotel  
here and shall now turn in for the  
night it is now for part tea and not  
dinner yet  
Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> evening a fair  
this morning with a prospect of a wet  
day but soon after tea it broke away  
and the sun appeared through the  
clouds have been walking about view-  
ing the scenery a good deal of the day  
there are some beautiful spots around  
here was taken through one of the large  
Woolen Sheds of which there are a num-  
ber here where woollen clothes are man-  
ufactured mostly tweeds it was a  
most interesting sight to me and  
the foreman was exceedingly kind  
and civil showing me over and explain-  
ing every part of the operation from the  
taking in of the wool to the cloth as  
turned out for market. Loughshin  
itself is about the dirtiest & strongest  
smelling (it would not do for you  
at all) Scotch place I ever was  
in the people empty all their shops  
such a sight in front of their doors it

run down gutter close to the house  
 even the side walk should be there gutters  
 are all paved with small stones set edge  
 way and the water runs along them you  
 may fancy how it is I cannot get the  
 smell out of my nostrils the children  
 of which the streets are full are as  
 dirty as slippers Indian and smell  
 worse and to make matters worse  
 the streets are only about ten or twelve  
 feet wide and men women & children  
 mix up indiscriminately I cannot  
 as yet tell which it is that smell  
 the worst they are most intensely  
 Scotch and you may have some idea  
 what that means with me I do  
 not believe the water of the three  
 rivers that unite here would begin to  
 wash the inhabitants clean it would  
 take a very Jordan to do it to day  
 being a very dry day among the mills here I  
 have a specimen here to night of its  
 effects I did not come to my sleeping  
 apartments till after ten o'clock and  
 by this time the bus had begun to  
 operate the first thing I met in en-  
 tering the hall of the hotel was a servant

girl was lying up a lot of broken  
sticks in my night was a room full  
of Samuels blubbering over there but  
I rather hesitated in my approach  
when the servant asked me if I was  
afraid as this was nothing to what it  
was sometimes I put myself under  
her protection and got into a quiet  
room as soon as possible and com-  
menced writing in regular desperation  
intending if any of them attacked me  
to tell them I would put them in the  
papers a story I think they are very much  
afraid of however my fears were  
quite unnecessary as very soon after  
I found that at eleven o'clock all  
further supplies in the spirit sense are  
cut off by law the landlord being  
obliged to close up at that hour matters  
quieted down and it is now a model  
house Sandy will have his statement  
no matter how much slight he has to  
go through to get it Mr Scott was  
that a Scotchman came home this evening  
to see me he is a very nice Scotch lad

I must now close up for the night it  
is after eleven and time to retire  
so good night

Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> have had a long  
day though not rising very early went  
to the Free Church in the morning heard  
a very excellent sermon from the text  
John 14<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> Let not your hearts be trou-  
bled as the preacher was about as dry a  
looking specimen of a Scotch man as you  
see and he preached to as dry a looking  
Scotch congregation as I ever saw his re-  
marks though were to me exceedingly  
good he spoke of our earthly homes and  
our attachment and affection for them  
(this you know came right home to my heart  
being I was so far away from my own)  
contrasting this with the joy that the  
believer has in the anticipation of his heavenly  
home the transitory hold we have upon  
our home here and the eternal enjoyment  
of the home above after dinner Mr Scott  
and I had a long walk climbing one of  
the highest hills about here some two thousand  
feet it was a weary toilsome as-  
cent but I felt repaid in attaining  
the summit there was a very grand view

extending as far as the eye could  
reach and hill after hill rising in  
the distance till our vision was lost  
in a space these mountains are all  
or nearly so included in the Duke's  
estate here are used for pasture  
covered more or less with heather I  
plucked a forget me not on the top  
of the mountain and enclose it as a  
token for you to remember me by it  
was in this neighbourhood and among  
these hills and glens that some of the  
early Covenanters met in secret to  
worship the God of their fathers paid  
the penalty of their lives in thus main-  
taining their faith all this is exceedingly  
interesting history to me now when  
standing perhaps on the very spot  
were some martyrs spirit went up  
to meet his God rather than yield  
those principles sacred to them ac-  
cording to their interpretation and read-  
ing of the Scriptures we had a long  
interesting and most beautiful walk  
seeing some of the grandest scenery of  
Scotland that I ever saw