

Shuttleston 2 Nov-90

My dearest Cousin,

I duly received your Card from Antwerp, and now also I have your intimation of your being in Paris. I am glad that it is so; and that you have got through your initial difficulties of becoming acclimatized to the wandering life you have entered on for the coming winter. I am relieved also by what you tell me of the import of your letters from home, for I had, after your leaving here, a sense of uneasiness lest you had taken a wrong step in entering on your journey without a more definite liberty of action than you at the time had; but Providence has kindly led you aright, and will,

I trust, still point out your way  
all through, till you return to us  
here - fully satisfied.

For myself, I now continue well,  
but I had a sharp attack of a Cold,  
with a hoarseness, which I happily  
got rid of quite promptly. This came  
on me about the time you were in  
Belgium, and made me think how  
foolish I should have found myself  
if I had been at the time with  
you, to hamper and perplex you.

Since you were here, I have  
seen nothing of Finlay and his  
father, and so I do not know how  
matters are moving with them.

I very much wish that Finlay's  
success about this time will be  
such as will ensure his receiving  
the leave requisite for his joining

your party for a few weeks, if such  
a project is still available as  
between you and he.

I enclose the only letter which  
has come here for you.

I rejoice in the thought that  
you are all well and home before  
you, in these coming weeks, a  
lengthened period of most esquis-  
ite enjoyment, and, to you gentle-  
men, of a rare profit.

Ever your loving Cousin,

Jas. W Nitock.

my father. All the works in  
the Vale of Leven have now  
amalgamated under one  
management and they hold a  
sort of monopoly of the  
trade. My father's old shop  
is still where it stood and  
the property belongs to his  
brothers still, so that we have  
still a family connection  
with the Vale of Leven, which  
has changed greatly in recent  
years. The Argyll Works Co  
have built a huge factory  
at the north end of the town.

in front of Tulliehewan Castle,  
which you will remember, and  
about 2000 men are  
employed there. You will  
thus see that great changes  
have taken place in your  
native place.

How is Mrs  
Patterson? and your brother  
Walker? Remember us to  
them. My mother is still  
'hale' though I can't say  
hearty as she is frail.

Kindly accept our

united wishes for all in  
Lexington.

Your affec Cousin,  
Finlay Whistock.

has reason to be proud of  
you and I sent the papers  
on to Mr. W.E. Gilman of  
Woodstock the lead partner in  
the United Turkey Lead Works  
in which he merged Castlegate  
works which you may remember  
visiting when you were over  
here. Meeting him since, he  
told me he remembered  
meeting you at a Four-in-  
Hand Club meeting at  
Market Rock Comond which  
you had attended along with

8 Sardis Terrace  
Hilhead.  
27<sup>th</sup> July, 1909.

My dear Cousin Patterson,

You will be wondering how I am getting along after my late financial fright. I say 'late' because as you predicted I have worked clear of my trouble, and am working hard to make up again. I had been impatient. With health regained I was determined to make money quickly and took risks. I

Should not have done with the  
result that my experience has  
cost me £1000 roughly. To  
use a Scotch expression I'll  
"be' canny" in future and not  
bite off more than I can chew.

A firm to whom I  
sold a lot of goods went  
bankrupt and I only got  
 $2\frac{1}{2}^{\text{d}}$  (two shillings and two  
pence in the pound) per ft.

This as you can  
imagine to a man who  
had just gone through a  
financial crisis was a

very severe knock, but through  
it all I have paid my  
20/- in the £ and have  
emerged clear and have  
received the congratulations  
of my friends who knew the  
circumstances.

I received your paper  
with an account of how your  
people have been honoring you  
and I want you to accept  
our heartiest congratulations  
from this side of the Atlantic  
and I sincerely hope you  
have many years of great  
work before you. Kentucky

8 Sandon House  
Hillock  
Glasgow.

22<sup>nd</sup> April 1909.

My Dear Cousin Patterson

I wired you yesterday in great trouble. The market went against me in a deal I had been making and swallowed up practically everything I had but my household effects and even they were in jeopardy. I had been too eager to make up lost ground. I have now no kinsman to whom I could apply in my time of need, but yourself and I took the liberty of asking you for the loan of £400. The reply came that you were from home. "Index" to whom I asked you to reply to is the firm of Inglis, Glen & Co. Writers and Law Agents.

They are the Agents for my father's Trustees and a firm of high standing in Glasgow. Mr. Inglis of the firm looks after our family affairs and looked after my affairs when I was so ill. My mother's money is not involved with my affairs in any way and the Trust holds until after my decease when it passes on to our boy,

I have nothing to offer you in the way of security and you would require to trust me. I don't think I would take long to pay you back, as with the money that I am asking you for I could soon turn over a profit of a like amount, and you can be assured that I shall not over reach myself again.

If you will advance me the money I shall, of course, pay you interest until I have paid back every penny. This would also be the only liability that I would have.

My chief difficulty for the last two years has been the lack of capital to conduct my business, and this together with the long spell of ill health made me unable to stand the blows.

Kindly pardon the rude liberty I have taken and don't hesitate to say me nay if it is not convenient. Truly I have had my share of ill fortune, and all in a very short time. It must come the other way about soon.

By the way I have just had word from Mr Taylor that as he did not know I had wired you to call not understand your cable in reply. I called at his office

a short time after it arrived and he  
had called you to see what it was about  
that the mistake arose. It was my fault  
I did not expect so prompt a reply. I sent  
people to see what it was.  
you my cable on the spur of the moment  
without consulting with an individual. All  
this must annoy you, and my excited state  
of mind is the real reason

I wish I could see  
you to tell you all about it. In the mean  
time I am doing everything I can to save  
the situation and with kind thoughts of you  
all

I am

Your affec. Cousin  
Silas W. Foote.

and dear will be at the coast  
for two months or so as  
usual. It is fine to feel the blood  
running through your veins  
again after a long period of  
stagnation. and I cannot help  
but think that these things  
are given us so that we may  
the more appreciate a healthy  
body.

With affectionate regard

I am

Yours faithfully

Finlay Whinnett.

Sel W<sup>m</sup> Patterson I don't see a  
bit of difference in her since I  
saw her. Finl.

8 SARDINIA TERRACE,  
HILLHEAD,  
GLASGOW.

I don't remember whether I told  
you that I have formed a  
very interesting collection of pictures  
mostly by the best Scotch artists

I have very often to lend  
some of them to exhibitions  
throughout the country, on loan,  
and they are a great joy to  
me.

I have a small oil  
painting of an old Glasgow  
'close' or alley done by one  
of our best Glasgow Artists  
which I have laid aside for  
your acceptance. It was

exhibited in the Art Club here  
and I bought it thinking it  
might be an interesting thing  
for you well. I am not sure  
how to send it. Would it go as  
an ordinary parcel? It measures  
about 14 inches by ten inches  
without the frame (you would  
require to put a gilt frame  
on it) If it were sent as a  
parcel could it go through  
without duty? Its value for  
£5 here but we would declare  
on a much less amount

I really don't know how  
these things are managed.

but I have no doubt your  
commercial instinct will give  
me the wrinkle. And so  
much for myself.

I was glad to see  
from the photographs that  
you were all in health. I  
see them every day as I have  
placed them above the fireplace  
in my sitting room. If I  
can manage it this time next  
year I will perhaps take a  
flying trip across to see you  
by the Lusitania supposing I  
only stay a day or two in  
London. I am taking no  
holiday this year to speak  
of, although my mother, my wife

Last ten years I have been a lay member of the Glasgow Art Club, and here a great many friends amongst its three hundred members. There are two hundred Artist members and one hundred lay members and we consider ourselves rather an exclusive body. We have a splendidly appointed Club house and a fine library on Art - the finest in the country I believe. I keep an open house here on Sundays to the members and my friends, and we have always some interesting men looking in for a smoke and a taste of Mountain Dew.

8 SARDINIA TERRACE,  
HILLHEAD,  
GLASGOW.

18<sup>th</sup> March 1909.

My dear Cousin Patterson It is  
some time since I wrote to you  
and I know you will be  
interested to know how I am  
getting along. You were over  
'first foot' on New Year's  
morning when the postman  
handed me the photographs  
which you so kindly sent  
me. I am glad to say I  
have now got back to my  
usual good health, although I

here still to take care of myself. I can't subject myself to exposure and drenchings like I used to when I was using Rock Lomond as a play ground. and have therefore given up that hobby. I have been working hard at my business and I really begin to think that when a man does that he has time for very little else. I have been doing very well indeed, and will soon make up lost ground.

My business takes me from home a good deal at times as I go as far North as Aberdeen and

as far South as London so I see a little of this little country. I buy from the Northern distillers, blend and bottle in Glasgow and sell to London dealers. 'Fisherwood' at Balloch is let, but I hope to be back there in a year or so. I can't help 'hawking' after it.

Jack who will be six on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May goes to school next month so I shall wait in Glasgow until he is able to travel in from Balloch daily.

I spend some of my spare time amongst pictures and drawings. During the

Room. 59.  
126. Washington St.  
Chicago

Aug. 12/95  
Prop. Jno R. Patterson  
Lexington Ky.

Dear Sir

I received a letter from brother John recently, in which he informed me of your late bereavement which I regretted to hear -

He informs me that brother James is suffering from brain trouble and his recovery is hopeless.

my employer visited California a short time ago & I asked him to try & find out some tidings of Edward as he made an effort to locate Dr. Shaw in Oakland that you mentioned about in one of your letters to me, but was unsuccessful as he does not seem to be in practice there now.

I called on Mr. Edmonson a few days ago he is lessor of a large building which is occupied in winter as a Skating Rink but at the present time

is unoccupied he did not give me much encouragement regarding employment. I am doing very poorly in the Coal, washing business being employed only about half of each week but it is the best I can do as it is simply impossible to get anything permanent nowadays as trade is still languishing and great numbers are still out of employment

With best wishes remain  
Yours sincerely  
David W. Lintock

to it, now and again, but not continually; but as to the quinine, I am not sure of it yet as being helpful. However I am at present in better than favorable health, and have a happy immunity from the Influenza, which is now very prevalent amongst us, and throughout the greater part of our country; often troublesome, and sometimes deadly.

I learned from your last letter to John, that William had recently, to some extent, a return of the illness which has troubled him so long. This is a grief to us all, but we trust the ailment will be now yielding to the remedies you know ledge of it will be now bringing to bear on it. Otherwise I am glad to think of you as being all well, in the enjoyment of healthful & helpful labours, & among loving friends. Give my love to my dear Aunt & cousin Walter and receive the same for the whole of you whom we treasure so largely in our memories. Your loving Cousin  
Sas. W Lintock -

which, I suppose they will likely do; but this much I may say here, that by the time the examination was due (about 3 weeks ago) Finlay had made up his mind that he was unprepared to compete for his degree, and told his father so, asserting that what of study he applied himself to master he was unfitted for, as he found that what he learned to-day he lost hold of on the morrow, and he could not therefore compel himself to the trial. This stopt the attempt, much, as you know, to his fathers grief. Since then there has been no negotiating yet, as between the two, as to what is next best to be aimed at. You too will enter largely into his fathers disappointment, and into the perplexity which this difficulty has brought him into.

I would that it were settled, quickly and wisely, for the position taken up

tho' he may indeed be without blame,  
but Finlay is critical, and with any  
slight indiscretion might & easily become  
ominous. Hoping that either of them  
will write you, you will then com-  
prehend the dilemma sufficiently to give  
them your judgement as to what you  
think is Best. If it comes thus into  
your hand, you might also have in  
view, as a solution of the difficulty, that  
John might give up to Finlay his own  
business or some proportional interest  
in it - leaving the working of it to  
himself. Such proposal I would not  
like to lay before John myself, as it  
must seem to him to be but a poor re-  
turn got out of a collegiate course, to  
end so in working a retail grocery  
business. But this, I think, is what  
his Mother might easily consent to, if  
not to welcome, as I judge from the  
conversation I had with her, that as she

might keep her son at home under her  
own care, sooner than give him up to a  
lodging house, probably, in Glasgow; and so  
all but outside his Mother's influence.  
I think his father has offered to Finlay  
to take another year at the University,  
if he thinks it needful to go through the  
course he has been aiming at, and for  
other end intended, but I do not know  
surely as to this, or how Finlay has answer-  
ed this, if made. Dear Cousin, if you  
are likely to get the chance, have these  
matters so under your consideration, and  
give such advice to those concerned as  
is fitting, for I think there is none  
other who could weigh the matter so  
wisely, or whose judgement would be  
so acceptable as yours would.

You will be glad to learn that I  
have found "Horsford's Acid Phosphates"  
beneficial and so I will have recourse

Let my dear Aunt then, the only beloved, like myself, of my sainted Mother, use the time left her as preparatory to her going away, and my own prayers will mingle with hers to that blessed One who has measured out her portion in this life of manifold sorrows and comforts, yet leading ever onward and upward unto the "Joy Unspeakable" of every believing heart.

Knowing that Finlay was about this time to have gone through the trial of standing for some degree or other before our college authorities in Glasgow, and not having heard of the result, I made an errand to Alexandria last week to know it. The result was altogether a disappointment to me. I do not know how to report it to you, and so will leave Finlay or his father to make you acquainted with it more fully.

Miss May to Glasgow, of your long illness for which 3<sup>d</sup> Dec 1891  
Please excuse my delay in answering  
my dearest Cousin, which had been  
so long in coming. It is now a long  
time since I received your last & most  
welcome letter to me, and as I have  
not answered it till now, I beg that  
you will not ascribe my tardiness or doing  
so to anything like lack of interest in our  
friendship or delight in your so expressing  
it by letter, but rather to my own blameless  
slackness in meeting a rare partiality with  
such a return, of which I am both ashamed  
and perplexed. Only, pardon me for this,  
if you can, and have me still in your  
favor, if such a generosity is compatible with  
your abounding goodness, manifested indeed  
at all times and up till now. I know,  
dear Cousin, that this is asking much of  
you, but that you will of course

grant my plea, and that you will still advise me by letter of all that interests yourself and your family, for I can nearly assert that therein consists about all my care, tho' I answer your claims on me as a laggard might. Extend your charity to me now then, and furnish for me out of your compassion such excuse as you can invent to cover my seeming remissness at this time, for which I can find no name at hand fitting to describe it.

Indeed I was greatly pleased at getting your letter, and thereby coming to realize that you had indeed taken up again the course of duties and interests which thro' many years must have been growing up to be the passion of your life; & this all laid into your hands again by loving friends, and honored Collegians who rejoiced that it was yourself and

-not another who had to fill the coveted post of honor over the college and in the community. But more than all that, I rejoiced at your getting home again after all your wanderings, for my dear Aunt's sake, whom that she had come safely to the end of the associations she must have endured both over yourselves and for Williams' sake. She must have gratefully felt that God has been good to you all, but more especially to herself, in disappointing her fears, and giving you back to her care while <sup>as</sup> she can minister to your needs. And I, myself, like to think of her as waiting on Williams with all a mother's devotion, and easing her own heart thro' a plaining for his good: she will thereby be forgetful of her own infirmities, tho' all the while accepting hopefully the certainties of the coming years.

Clark's asking me if you had  
seen this article. Of course  
I could assure him that you  
had not. Second: The  
article had given Dr. Archibald  
a good "blow" and he  
wanted to know if it was  
you he was indebted to. We  
have had an extremely  
wet harvest indeed all the  
crops are not gathered in  
yet, and it is drifting  
away. I enclose the  
McLachlans etc also an  
other small one while  
Finlay is going to pay  
first time he is up.  
we all join in uniting

Love, to all  
*My dear affectionate*  
*Mrs Lincoln*

Alexandria  
7 Oct 1891

My Dear Cousin

I received your  
letter last week, and we  
were all glad to get tidings  
from you. I am glad you  
is getting health up, and  
hope to see him back again  
with us well, after you  
left us we missed you com-  
pany very much, and -  
now nothing is left but  
the recollection, but we  
~~all~~ hope to meet you all  
again. Finlay is close  
at his studies and I  
hope the outcome will be  
satisfactory. Barn & You-  
gson are quite well -  
inclined to the position.

now, and do not wish any  
thing more done in this  
matter, but Dr. Darnachan  
is in a fighting mood  
yet, you will have seen  
by the paper sent that  
we have lost Mr. Wild.  
His death was universally re-  
gretted in the District.

His successor and myself  
are going up to interview  
Sir Arch<sup>d</sup> on Friday to  
morrow regarding his  
connection with the "widow's  
fund". In case of non-  
payment of dues the  
widow can be left out in  
the cold, but we hope  
by the good offices of  
Sir Arch<sup>d</sup> & others to make

it all right for her. If  
so it will require her  
£40 per annum, a week  
ago Uncle James was quite  
well. The M<sup>r</sup> was off &  
called. We expect him down  
soon. Soon after you  
left, some one sent an  
article to the Local Paper  
on the rise & progress of  
the Vale of Leven during the  
past forty years. who-  
ever it was stated in  
the article that they had been  
away from the Vale -  
For the above time, one  
morning I had a telephone  
from one of Sir Arch<sup>d</sup>'s men,

Kind One to Mrs P.  
Willie & yourself.

I remain

Yours affe Cousin  
John W. Lantock

Alexandria

5 M<sup>o</sup> 1890,

My dear Cousin

I received your  
letter and was very glad to  
see by it that you were all  
well & enjoying yourselves.  
And circumstances per-  
mitted I would have liked  
so much to have been with  
you. But, "this is a hard  
time among us here", we  
continue to help our health  
and getting along in much  
the same way as when  
you left us. Sunday ex-  
amination occurs on  
the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> in the  
I understand, and I

Always at our hoping for  
a successful issue.  
Mr. Rankin came across some  
statistics regarding the cost  
of our "monetary" and your  
"republic", and he would like  
very much to submit them  
to you personally, so as to  
get them verified. I have  
only the part sent by Mr.  
Bullock, and enclose ~~them~~  
so that when you write  
me we may get your  
views, if this is all the  
work to ask.

Lockhart's to be very  
busy at the Foundry, &  
I expect when we balance  
at the end of December -  
the result will be a  
factory.

The last account I had from  
Uncle James was pleasing.  
He continues in good  
health & spirits. Mr.  
Eric has been rather  
bad since you were here  
and is now considerably  
you will have noticed  
that Gladstone has been  
on the stump again.  
The older he gets the  
more unscrupulous he  
gets, and unfortunately  
he has so many un-  
thinking voters along  
with him, when the  
Party loses him, there  
will be a disabling view  
Hoping soon to hear  
from you again, &

the others, a noticeable benefit, in drawing out to his own cognizance and the enjoyment of it, instincts, which perhaps he did not know he possessed them; - a fuller manhood than he had as yet, been careful to cultivate.

I rejoice, my dear Cousin, in the thought that you crossed the Ocean in fair comfort, and to Wm's benefit. - that you met with a hearty reception from your many friends, - and that your Mother and Walter were spared to greet you once more: and now that you are home again.

I am glad that Wm continues to improve. - May all the comforts & care of home be blessed to his benefit.

I thank you for the draft you sent me. Convey to Mother & Walter my warmest love. Remember me to your dear Wife & loved Son, - all of you, dearest than ever. Jas. Whinot

Glasgow 14<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1891

My dearest Cousin,

I duly received your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. with its enclosure, for which I thank you, and send with this the acknowledgement you left with me for it. When your despatch came to hand here. I happened to be in Alexandria, where I had gone to spend 3 or 4 days. I found and left our friends there all well, excepting that Mr. Barr was just coming through, tho' quite successfully, a painful attack of Rose on

one of his feet, which he seems himself to have caused by a careless cutting of a corn which was giving him trouble. This worse trouble developed on him just at the time when his sister (Mrs. Wright) died; but I am gratified to record that he is having a favorable recovery from this severe attack.

By this time you will know what has been the result of the application to the Clydesdale Bank authorities over the Mather matter. I, myself, am disappointed that it should end thus, and that the simplicity of our most worthy friends should be taxed so heavily to screen the ungrateful; and with the humiliation of enduring this

mildignity at the requirement of one whose capacity as a Banker is surpassed only by his baseness as a Friend.

As said above, I was at Alexandria last week, taking my lodgings then with Mr. Uriel. Finlay, I found, was then diligent in preparation for his coming examination, and his father was then entirely free from all ailments. I was delighted to find that their interest in yourselves, and in all the circumstances of your companionship with them throughout the summer, was still, and likely to be for <sup>being all</sup> good-while of absorbing delight to them; ~~all~~ altogether a rare & singular joy, ~~to them~~.

And, as I concluded, that you have done to John, as well as to

There is a story behind all this, but not that I do not care to enter in the meantime. Perhaps later I may explain my position more fully.

I should not care to throw it.

Old Mr. D. is in poor health. He is well physically but mentally is almost a wreck. She lives in the country with a lady who is paid

of Dr. D. Moodie.

5 Hillhead St.

Hillhead.

Glasgow.

Scotland.

8. 1. 11.

Dear Professor Patterson,

While

this is my first letter to you, I feel that I have known you for many years now through your letters to my son and daughter Dr. L. S. Lock. My object

in writing you to to  
ask if you have  
lately received any  
letters from Tbilis.  
He went to London  
last June, and after  
corresponding with  
me for six weeks, he  
ceased writing, and  
since then I have  
never heard either  
of or from him.

I have tried to find  
trace of him through  
the police, and also

privately, but all to  
no purpose. I knew  
that he wrote you  
now and again,  
and my father  
(with whom I and  
my little son  
Jack aged seven,  
now live) suggested  
writing to see if  
by any chance  
Tbilis had written  
you. Reading between  
the lines you will  
no doubt see that

to give her every  
attention, and my  
little boy - of whom  
Mrs. Faunt is very  
fond. - and I visit  
her once or twice a  
month. She is as  
happy as she ever  
will be anywhere.  
and though it is  
sad to see her  
as she is, yet it  
is a blessing in  
disguise.

I hope you

and Dr. Palliser  
keeps very well.  
I remember her Mr. Bell  
well. When last I  
was in Scotland.  
Mr. all came with  
Dr. Mrs. Dr. Lubbock  
and Lady Lea with  
Mr. My father too  
remembers her well.  
and keeps to be  
kindly remembered  
to you both.

I feel

very sorry to think  
you in the midst  
of your busy life  
but believe me.  
I only write you as  
a last resource.  
With every good  
wish for 1911.

Believe me.

Yours sincerely  
Agnes H. Lubbock

"To be Called for"  
Fleet Street Post Office  
Fleet Street  
London.

My Dear Cousin Patterson

It is a long time since you have heard from me. You may remember when I wrote you last I was coming through a financial crisis. Well I weathered the storm, paid 20/- in the £. and then my health broke down. I underwent two operations for a growth on my liver the second one proved successful and I now enjoy better health than I have done for many a day. The worry of my trouble got me into a sort of jambled condition and this was the cause of the disease. There was nothing malignant about either of the growths so that I do not fear a recurrence. After I got better

I left my wife and boy in Glasgow  
with my father-in-law Mr Moodie  
and came to London to fight my  
way in that city of all men.

I had no capital to start  
I and found it very hard to make  
a start but although I have not got  
established in an office yet I have been  
doing sufficient business to keep me  
and am gradually forming a  
connection which will require me  
to settle down in a little place I  
have my eye on in Chancery Lane.

I shall require to go very cautiously  
however as I can afford to take no  
risks. I have had a very ~~one~~ severe  
lesson with regard to partners in  
the past as it was through the  
treachery and trickery of a partner  
that I came to grief before and  
had it not been for him I should

now have been a fairly wealthy man.

My mother is staying at  
Cowrock. And my wife and boy visit  
her and look after her regularly. She  
is very frail and her memory is a  
complete blank. She is very comfortable  
and well looked after however and is  
very cheery and happy. None of her  
affairs were involved in mine so  
that no family money suffered and  
no one lost but me. It is a dreadful  
blow to get in middle life especially when  
it is accompanied by ill health, but I have  
put my shoulder to the wheel again  
and expect before this year to be out to  
be settled in London, somewhere, along  
with my wife, boy and mother.

That is if things goes I hope.  
And now how are you all. Many  
and many a time have I thought of  
you, and many a time I thought over

which I always feel for you  
and yours.

Yours faithfully  
Finley W. Wentworth

writing to you but I was too  
dependent and heart broken to do  
so. When finances go wrong you  
don't feel particularly bright, and  
when the lover goes wrong you feel worse  
but the separation from your family  
is the worst of all.

My boy is attending the Hillhead  
High School of Glasgow and is in  
the second year of his education  
and is doing very well indeed. He  
writes to me regularly and I write  
him every Sunday enclosing such  
little articles of amusement &c  
as I can afford to pick up through  
the week in London.

I trust Mrs. Patterson and  
your brother Walter are both  
well, and in good health. I  
should like if you would write  
to me and let me know if

their welfare.

My mother has your photograph on her marble shelf and often points it out to me.

Pardon my long silence but you will understand it after my explanation.

I have no fixed abode in London preferring to use hotels until my wife and boy come up and until I am established properly, but Fleet Street Post Office always finds me and if I should not happen to be in London they will forward

I had thought to be able to show my boy America some day, and maybe will manage it yet, but it won't be for many a day.

I will frankly admit

that I don't like London, and my heart yearns for Balloch and Loch Lomond, but I must "thole" as we say in Scotland.

I don't think there is any thing else I have to say that will interest you unless it is that the Dale of Laven has been changed greatly by the introduction there of the motor industry on a large scale and from the Duffingen works to the "Heather Crome" which you may remember is covered with buildings belonging to the Argyll Motor Co. whose advertisements you may see in some of the papers.

And now my dear friends I must close, with every good wish to you all, and pray remember that although I did not write you very often thought of you with the affectionate regard