

Post office  
Brammar  
Aberdeenshire. N. B.  
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My dear!

I want to hear that you are quite strong  
and well - coming home. To be prudent  
and take great care of yourself. for your  
husbands sake - to spare him weary  
days and anxious nights - This is to  
be a good Wife -

I am here away from all mutual  
friends. for if I could hear tidings of  
your health! I should not trouble you  
with a letter - at this time of year all  
Scales are away - Mr James I hear from  
twice. he merely says you find it hot! -  
Mr Hill is away making holiday and  
where?

We have not been very thriving - We left  
London the last week in Sep. spent a  
fortnight with Lady Colville at Inverden.

Edythe who was not well when we left home, became worse - so we went into Edinburgh and remained there a whole Month under D<sup>r</sup>. Keith's care - He then advised our coming here - This place has really cured Edythe - She looks & feels perfectly well - and yet we have only been here three weeks -

We remain here as long as the weather will allow us to do so - At present it is perfect - we are able to sit out of doors on the Heather - In fact Edythe lives out - she only comes home to eat & sleep -

This Braemar is a small simple Village - We all go out basket in hand, and bring home Butter, Eggs, Bread &c. We are Eighteen miles off a Railway, and that is one reason why we are so charming -

I can give you no news - Dr. Young is going to bring out another book - I learn this from the Newspaper -

We were so thankful for the Illustrated It followed us here ..

I send you my love - and make some pretty speech for me to Mr Macmillan If I were writing to him, I should not need your intercession -

The Daughters were here for ten days - we met every day & sometimes twice a day. We liked them both - They are always the same, and do not grow hot & cold -

Mr Spontini has lost his Sister - not Mr Stillman.

Yr affec<sup>d</sup> old friend  
Anne Benson Procter