

Seaton House
St Andrews
June 18th, 1897

Dear Marion,

Your very kind letter was sent on to [] left Penicuik [] last [..day]. It is so good of you to give us such a warm invitation for September, all [] of it is we [] how [] your invitations are.

I really hope we shall be able to arrange a [week] or ten days with you in September but you must not dream of keeping the whole month free for us. I wish Mr Crockett could fix on a time exactly, but he says he cannot yet, so we must just [like] Mr Chance and if you have any other friends we must [] some other time.

I should [like] nothing better than to [see] with you and John's [grey] beautiful flow, and I hope we shall be able to arrange it.

I think you will get on all right with Alice. She will be [] herself probably with you and with all of us for some time she was not at all herself, we find her very much altered.

That was very likely because she felt she had gone against us all and it [] she behaved very strangely [over] many [trips].

Mr Crockett is now all right again or about so, he hurt his shin bone with a fall from his bicycle, the first time he had tried to ride. Then he [] for a [week] and afterwards it was very tiresome. It formed a nasty abcess which had to be lanced and then stitched and thus unstitched at [] it [] him lying [] by fire [].

However, it has mended beautifully now and he is able for his round of golf in the day which is five miles walking.

The children are all very well except Margaret and she [] a nasty cold that meant I had to see [] but she is rather better today []. She is a little [witch] and as hard as nails. This is the first cold she's had.

I shall have some new photographs of the children in another week or so. I'll send you copies as soon as we get them. [] London are just splendid.

We are to be here for June and July but I hope we shall be at home for August and I hope very very much we shall see you in September.

Now with much love to you both in which all join me, I am ever []

(Ruth Crockett)