

Imperial Hotel Breakfast
Sunday June 23rd 1872

Dear Mother -

It is over two
weeks since I have undertaken
to write you and thereby comply
with the most important of
your requests and the most im-
portant of which I should con-
sider my first duty - the last
and I may also say the first
and only one so far that I
have written since my leav-
ing home - but I will not
only endeavor but will do
better in the future - this being
only the second missive of
any kind which I have
penned since the 5th inst -

so you can hardly feel that
I have slighted you for any
one else - even if you do think
that I have not entirely done
my duty - a page and a quarter
to apology - is all that is nec-
essary. Is it not? - We landed
at Lurnestown June 15th about
7.15 A.M. - a rainy damp but
pleasant morning - took train
at 9 A.M. arriving at Cork
Imperial Hotel about 12.15 A.M. -
a miserable little town of but
little importance remained
over Sunday - Monday jaunting
car to the ^{ruins of} Blarney Castle
kissed the Blarney Stone and
the whole affair completely
suggestive of its name "Blarney"
you can hardly expect me but
to give the most important
outlines of the trip as I see.

June 20th. leave Kellamery at
9 A.M. arrive Dublin 11.40 P.M.
Shelbourne Hotel - the best hotel
we have visited - most beau-
tifully situated opposite a
large park.

June 21 - Jor. - Jennie - Geo. -
self - visited points of in-
terest in and about town
Botanic & Geological Gardens
Cemetery - O'Connell's & Curran's
monument &c.

June 22^d leave Dublin on 8.10
train "lightning express" ar-
rived Belfast 11.30 A.M. - Imperial
Hotel -

June 23^d. Jor. & self attended
service at St. George's Epis-
copal church this morning
service at 11.30 A.M. -

and that brings me up to
the present time - 4.10 P.M -
you I presume are just
about coming out of church
now as in New York it is
about 12.30 P.M - the antic-
ipale leaving here to mor-
row at 8 P.M by way of
steamer across the Irish
sea to the river Clyde
to Glasgow arrive about noon
Tuesday - from there to Edin-
burgh - hope to be in London
next Sunday where we
expect to remain about
two weeks - I wish you would
keep all the papers &c I send
home for me - Keep a sharp
look out for Frank in my
room &c &c - It is a most
remarkable fact - that it has
rained every day since we

Jennie - Maggie and the boys
having gone to take a walk
no doubt as a helper to di-
gestion - for having just
finished writing a letter to
her Father - is sitting reading
her Bible - keeping me
company - we are in Aunt
Mam's room I occupying
a seat by a little desk
busily plying my pen en-
deavouring to amuse you
with my rough description
of our trip - being desirous
of writing we were compelled
to retreat - to this room - as
the folks were all in the
sitting room and I would
like to see any one con-
nect any reasonable ideas

with Charles & Geo - skimming
around the same room - Aunt
Mary - Joe & all send love -
Joe says she will write you
from Edinburgh - Gussie has
not been very well - but
nothing of any serious nature
we have been pretty well on
the go and we are all a little
tired & fatigued we will
all have a better chance to
recuperate from the strain
of our Sea Voyage when we
lay over at London - coming to
more important points we will
remain longer at each place -
with this exception and Joe's
tooth ache - all are well -
send love - write as soon as
you receive this - love to all

Your Son
address - Morley's Hotel -
Trafalgar square London - Alfred

left N.S. expect to day - and
I have not as yet given this
day up - when I say it has
rained I mean that it has
either showered or else been
unpleasant and rainy - We
have had but two or three
real pleasant days or at
least parts of days - but as
yet have not succeeded in
accomplishing 24 consecu-
tive pleasant hours - although
we must indeed hope for
settled weather soon - the
season in Ireland & ac-
tually the section of the country
which we have travelled has
been very late indeed - as for
Ireland & towns & cities I can't
say much - but its mountain
and valley scenery is indeed
charming - The weather has

of course been somewhat of a drawback so far to our trip but not ^{of} such dimension as to be of any account or to hardly speak of - Charles is indeed a trump to travel with and good company - he and I are room mates - but with separate beds - George is the Caesar of the party contrary and stubborn and I am sorry to acknowledge ~~man~~ the pleasure of his mother at times - but this last bad letter be kept a secret between you & I - Aunt Mary is sitting quietly in the sitting room enjoying herself - just having finished her dinner - herself, Fannie the children & Maffie eat all meals in their sitting room or as we term it Headquarters

deavor from time to time to carry your imaginations from place to place leaving a more thorough description until I reach home - leave work at 8 a.m. June 18th arrive at Skellaney about 12.m. Royal Victoria Hotel 4 miles by stage coach most beautifully and picturesquely situated bordering on what is termed the lower lake with most charming scenery of distant mountains towering up with cloud capped peaks afternoon drive Macrassabeg 700 yrs old - whose crumbled walls thickly frescoed with clinging ivy rendered indeed a most imposing aspect - before reaching this we had a most charming drive of about 6 miles Aunt Mary in-

dulging herself part the way
to a jaunting car ride - returning
by the way of the middle and
lower lakes - (making a most
charming diversion of route)
to the Hotel - in time for
Table D'Hotel at 6 P.M.

June 19th for - Charley & self
leave Hotel at 9 A.M. - jaunting
car ride of 9 miles - Horse
back ride through a rocky
pass of five miles - Known as
"Dunlos Gap" - return by way
of the three Lakes - making
a most delightful trip for
the day returning in time
for Table D'Hotel - The Lakes
of Killarney with its surround-
ings - as far as is the most in-
struction & pleasing spot we
have yet visited - it does
indeed verify description.



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