

27 Sandyford Place  
Glasgow.

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My dear Mamma,

Yours of 22-23 came this evening  
and I shall proceed to answer  
all your questions at once.

There is no regular cessation of work  
in the office all day, but it is under-  
stood that we can go out for about  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour (or less) to get luncheon  
which Josselyn and I do at a con-  
-fectioner - restaurant sort of place  
in west street but one. I know  
nothing about passes yet.

Letters are not delivered on Sundays  
but are given out at G. P. O. from  
8 till 9 a. m. if asked for.

The Post delivery is morning and

evening about 9 each time, but  
sometimes the letters do not come  
before we leave for the office.

I don't know enough of Blair yet  
to give an opinion on him; he is  
tall, light built, rather fair, un-  
shaven, speaks rather affectingly  
(Dumfriesshire like, a little) is unmarried,  
about 35, lives at an hotel here  
and though pleasant in his man-  
-ner is not a person one would  
get very thick with. Our tickets  
from Shrewsbury were 36/6 each.  
Hitherto all our work has been in  
the office ~~attending~~ with Ordnance  
maps, putting lines on them and

making and mounting tracings of  
them; some of the others have  
some levelling to do in the City.  
Blair's lines are the Glasgow  
City Union, a line of 7 miles  
to unite all the Ryd running into  
Glasgow and to make a central  
Station; the Bill passed last  
Session, but there is a deviation  
wanted this Session which needs  
fresh work. His other line is in  
Ayrshire, 14 miles <sup>long</sup>, the bill is now  
getting ready; Fossey goes down  
there with him tomorrow for some  
days, and I am to follow in  
a day or two; so if you don't hear

from me for a week or so, you need not think anything is astray, as I expect there will be no time for writing down there: I suppose we shall be in Ayrshire for a few days. J. F. told Gosselyn he ought not to work for less than £100 a year; Blair has offered him £75 per first year with increase afterwards if found satisfactory; if he does not like to take this, he will pay all his <sup>expenses</sup> during Parliamentary work (till end of Nov.) and as much besides as J. F. thinks reasonable. I think Gosselyn will take the latter offer and not accept the years engagement, but I don't

but I don't know, and will tell you when I do. I don't think Blair has any idea of paying me now. I expect to ~~to~~ hear from Ormsby when the Diplomas are out. I am surprised to find Glasgow such a very large place; its present population is about half a million (over 400,000) and is rapidly increasing. The street lamps are very badly gas-rod and arranged for such a place. There is a bath-room on every flat-water (from Loch Katrine) good and abundant. Shops good, but mostly rather small. Hope St is 12 minutes sharp walk from this. The G.P.O. is beyond that, about 7 minutes

further. There is no drawing properly  
speaking going on in the office now  
- all map & plan work.

Yesterday Josselyn and I went  
to St Marys Church in the morning  
and St Judes in the evening, both  
Episcopal Chapels with Church  
of England service. Don't ask  
me any questions about churches  
yet for I can't answer them.

I don't expect to be able to write  
as much here as at Ironbridge.  
- we are seldom done dinner till near  
seven, and generally take a walk  
then, but Josselyn had to go back  
to the office this evening, so I had  
a solitary walk. We have not been  
anywhere except in the streets yet.  
your affectionate son F.E.P.