

Send a letter  
of thanks  
Please return

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Glasgow.

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My dear Mamma,

On returning here on Tuesday I found several letters from you, one of them containing P.O. order. On Sunday we went to the Free Kirk at West Kilbride and afterwards walked to Ardrossan along the shore (5 miles). I was glad to see the place and was surprised to see how much shipping there is in so small a place. Monday was wet and I had a weary day, fishing out my way through pine woods and sticking pieces of paper every few yards to guide Gower and Carey after me; the woods were dripping and in some places the ground was very steep and slippery and

we all had quite enough of it when we finished at 5 o'clock. Then we had 5 miles to walk back and I pushed on to get some dinner and a change of clothes, as well as to pay the bill and order a conveyance as we intended driving to Dalry and catching the Glasgow train there. However we missed it, and spent the night at Dalry, coming up by an early train on Tuesday morning. There has been nothing new this week except three days fog, during which we had to work by gaslight most of the day. This evening Gower, Gosselyn, Simpson and Cary have gone down to Ayrshire to steal a march on Lord Glasgows keepers and agent

and get a fresh section taken over his property on Monday as the line has been altered by Blair. I don't look at it in the light you do, as Blair or the C<sup>o</sup> will pay any fines and it's great fun dodging people. I believe our fellows will go to different places - Ardrossan, Kilbride &c, and make a sudden and it is hoped unexpected assault with new levels &c on Monday morning. I wish you would send another P.O. order for £5.00 as I have had to get a hat, and also a glass to replace the one I lost - this one cost 24/- . However I shall get some cash besides, next week, as Blair <sup>all</sup> pays all our field expenses (from the time we leave Glasgow till return)

and I shall get them from Gower  
next week. Is the photo of Grand-  
-mamma approved of? I am  
very much obliged to her for her presents  
but could not possibly write to her  
- I can only write needful letters  
now. Today I was at the office  
till 6, and on the strength of that  
and its being Saturday, am not going  
back to night. I heard from Trusty  
that he is not going to India.

I shall write to Mrs Warden to night,  
to thank her, and to say that my  
amusement is out of the question  
during November. I don't feel  
the worse of the work, but I surely  
looks "washed out"; - I can stand  
as much work as most people and  
don't dislike this work, only for having no  
time to myself.

your affectionate son  
Francis E. Pendergast