

GROUP A**17th July 1895****Polly the Parrot dies**

And so poor Polly (the Parrot) is dead, you will miss it I suppose though it did not speak. Your cold Edinburgh winter was very different from the heat of Africa. And so the Polar cold sent Polly asleep and you laid him away.

GROUP B**1st December 1895****School holidays**

And so you have been at Drumnahoy & learned to milk Janet, the cow. I am glad you have been in the country for some time and have enjoyed the fresh air, and the sunshine, and all the rest of the beauties of nature at Cluny before you begin school work for the winter.

GROUP C**1st December 1895****New school**

Before you get this I suppose you will have begun your lessons at your new school, and have seen many new faces, and found new class fellows with whom you are associated.

GROUP D

3rd June 1896

Car accident

We are very sorry to know that a little play-fellow of yours had been killed by a car. How did it happen?

GROUP E

17th October 1897

Hair cut

As to your beautiful curls being cut off (due to your illness) I confess to a great sadness while reading that you have just enough left to make a boy of you.

GROUP F

16th July 1898

Bicycle rides

May you enjoy thoroughly the coming holiday. I can picture you and Aunty Mary, and perhaps Aunty Amy and Uncle James, cycling along the good Edinburgh roads I know.