The fares are, in the first-class outrageous at least twice what they charge in America, and the cars are not at all nice. We always travel by first-class, and so generally have a compartment to ourselves.

This morning I visited John Elder's shipbuilding yards, the largest in Scotland, he employs about 1200 men. I went all over the fine new yacht they have just launched. It is a floating palace. The hall is nearly as long as it is broad, and has a tank and stone house built upon it. This is for keeping the fishes.

This afternoon we visited the Glasgow Cathedral, a splendid building. I forgot to say that from Edinburgh we took a trip to the abbey of Melrose and Abbotsford the residence of Sir Walter Scott. We saw there many curious old relics he had collected from all over the world.

All these places we have been through I will describe to you in full when I get home, as I made full notes of every part of our journey.

Richard is busy back writing, as I am writing this evening.