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Knockinhair

Dunbar Scotland
July 12, 1893

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Hello Midge, my aunt Helen are
you all right. I'm in Scotland
now when I used to live when
I was a little boy, & I saw the
places where I used to play
& the house I used to live
in I remember it pretty
well, & the school where
the teacher used to whip me
so much though I tried to

be good all the time
 & learn my lessons.
 The round tower on the
 hill in the picture at
 the beginning of the letter
 is one of the places I used
 to play at on Saturdays
 when there was no school

Here is a little sprig of
 heather a man gave me
 yesterday & another from
 Wanda. The heather is just
 beginning to come into bloom
 I have not seen any of it

growing yet & I don't know
 when the man found it. But
 I'm going pretty soon up
 the mountains & then I'll
 find lots of it, & work it be-
 lowly, miles & miles of it -
 covering whole mountains
 & making them look purple.
 I think I must camp out
 in the heather.

I'm going to come home
 just as soon as I get back
 from Switzerland, about the time
 the grapes are ripe I expect
 I wish I could see you my little love
 When Mum says paper