Mr dear Grandpapa

 This must be the last letter whether you come in or not for we are going to be very busy now. We go to Mr Guillerey on Monday from eleven to twelve for French Private lessons & to Mr Perigat to day from twelve till two, for dancing, a public class so we will have very little time.

I told you before that I did not like Edin~ at all.

We just get up at when we used to do at quarter past seven but now it will be earlier. Mr Johnstone and Mrs Johnstone[[1]](#footnote-1) were here last night and asked us to spend Xmas with them at Alva[[2]](#footnote-2) but Mamma said that it must be the day after for we would like to spend Xmas day here with you & Grandmama. This is a very short letter for we must be off to Mr Perigat he lives in Hill Street so we have not very far to go –

When do you think you will be in to Edin~; Write to me before you come you must be the last to write. We are all quite well. With kind love

 Believe me

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 Kitty Keir

 Friday Nov 1851

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1. The Johnstones lived at Alva House a very large mansion in Alva. Mr James Johnstone (04/07/1801 – 24/02/1888) was an MP for Clackmannshire from June 1851 to 1857 election. They were friends of Kitty’s parents. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Alva is a small town in Clackmannanshire central lowlands. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)