

From what can be ascertained from the letters, Eva Lyon was a matriculated student who studied English, French, Latin and maths before commencing a medical course. The letters were addressed to her cousin Florrie.

These letters were gifted to the Archive by the daughter of the cousin to whom the letters are addressed.

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1 18 Nov 1903

Letter written a year after starting her studies in Edinburgh. Talks about her social life; encountering huge crowds attending a New Zealand Scotland football match; family life; sharing her digs with a Danish medical student; and what books she has been reading. Written from 32 Leamington Terrace, Edinburgh.

2 c.1904

Letter written while on duty in the outpatient department on Saturday night. Describes the kind of patients she has been getting ('On Saturday nights we always get a lot of cases especially after the public houses close'); plans for a Christmas concert; a relative about to become a probationer nurse at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children; hearing Shackleton give a lecture; and seeing a J M Barrie play.