

JOANNA BAILLIE
(1762-1851)

Scottish Poetess and Dramatist.

Born in Bothwell manse. In 1784 she went to reside in London and, in 1806, took up her residence at Hampstead where she remained until her death. She received an excellent education and, at an early age began to write poetry. Her greatest achievement is undoubtedly the nine Plays on the Passions. The most popular as well as the most powerful of these, the tragedy of De Monfort, was brought out at Drury Lane London, in 1800, with Kemble and Mrs. Siddons taking the leading parts. Her Family Legend was produced at Edinburgh in 1810 under Sir Walter Scott's auspices.

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I need not tell you my very
Dear Sister, How glad I am
that my note to Mr Lockhart
has pleased you. His ready
answer agreeing to my request
will be in your hands by
this time inclosed in one
from Agnes telling you that
we have fixed our Day next
Wednesday for having the

pleasure of coming to you. —
 We shall take care to put Mrs
 Davie's Giddy's letters into Mrs
 Hoopes hands to morrow and
 since you give us leave take
 a peep at it. the aspect of it
 is rather curious & confused.

Yours affectionately
 J Baillie

Saturday evening March 1st — 1834 —

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Mrs Baillie

Camdenish Sq.

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Bethie

applied to the Surveyors of the Highways respecting
the bad state of the Footpath in front of the Red
Lion Inn, are under the necessity of soliciting
the interference of the Magistrates upon the
subject. In wet weather, this Path is in such
a state as to be scarcely passable, especially
for Ladies, and being the only way of getting
into the Town and to the Church, the inconve-
=nience is very severely felt. It is, therefore,
earnestly requested, that some means may
be applied for the removal of this grievance,
under which the said Inhabitants have too long
been suffering, as well as that of the Crossing just
above the Red Lion which is equally neglected.

Sister Agnes Brüllie

of Younner Guiller the Anchoress Edw: H. Hewinson

Hampstead August 2.^d

Joanna Baillie

My Dear Madam

I feel myself very much obliged to you for your kind note, and ought to have thanked you sooner, but a short & violent attack of rheumatism which is now nearly gone off, has prevented me. I longed indeed very much to hear about your amiable Sister, and should have been ungrateful if I had not been interested in her wellbeing after all the kindness she shewed me during my indisposition, when she was at North-end. I am truly concerned to

learn that her illness has been
so long protracted: I hope the
change of air in the Isle of Wight
& the sea-bathing will entirely
restore her - at least to her usual
health. - Pray offer her my best
regards when you write to her,
and tell her that I have been able
without the least inconvenience
wrong to any one to spare her
due number of books which she
may therefore possess without any
scruple.

My Sister & I are very
much obliged to M^{rs} Hamilton,
you for your kind invitation

To visit ourselves if it would
give us both great pleasure
should we be in your neighbour-
hood during the summer which,
however, is not very probable, as
we expect in a short time to go
to Brighton for some weeks with
M^{rs} Baillie who has great need
of sea air to revive her after
her long attendance on her Mother.

I remain,
My Dear Madam

Your faithful obliged &

J Baillie

P.S. If you would have the goodness
to send me a few lines by & by
to say how your Sister has
star

her journey to the 7th of August
I should be very much obliged
to you. We shall be here for
another fortnight. —

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Barker

Hampstead April 5th 1826

Sir

I beg you will accept my best thanks for the volume of Magazine, which you had had the goodness to send me and the obliging note that accompanied it. I received it from Cadendish Sq.^{re} only 3 days ago, else I should not have delayed my acknowledgments so long.

I consider myself as very much honoured in having had my writings mentioned by you so favourably in the Universal Magazine for Dec^r 1810; and you had no occasion to make any apology for what you had said regarding my comedies, for they had seldom met with better treatment from any of our critical writers. There is one thing, however, which you had hazarded

respecting Women not possessing the talent for humour
which I think you must now (thanks to Miss Edgeworth)
be willing to retract, and that point being yielded
for the honour of the sex, I shall be satisfied, let
my own claim be regarded as it may. — There are
many articles besides that in which you have given
me so much credit, that are able & interesting, and
I have also to thank you for the instructing
amusement it will afford me for days to come.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obliged & obedient servant
J Baillie

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M^{rs} Bartley

Charlotte Street
Portland Place

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My dear M^{rs} Bartley

You were kind
enough to say that M^r Bartley
& you would prefer coming to
us the beginning of the month
when there is a moon, will
you dine with us then next
Tuesday or Wednesday? Our
dinner hour shall be half
past five, and if you are
disposed to walk on the Heath,
come to us as early as you

please. We shall be glad to
know which of the days you
fix upon as soon as may be
convenient. With kind regards
to M^{rs} Bartley in which my
sister begs to join me. I rest,
My Dear M^{rs} Bartley

Sincerely & afft^{ly} yours
Baillie

Hampstead Thursday
May 31st (1827)

