

Glasgow May 11/87

Marion & Margaret,

My Dear friends,

I had but little time for letter writing
but I cannot deny myself the pleasure
of using the only means of answering
with you that one now left me -
I cannot write a merry letter but must
try to prevent it from being a dull one
which it certainly would be if written according
to the present state of my feelings - I cannot
tell you how I felt - as I saw the last glimpse
of Arthur's seat - I thought of and thought of the
friends I had left beside it - went to Hartung
with you, it was the most melancholy thing
I had seen for a long time - It produced the
same depressing effect - that feeling of loneliness
that I felt when I left home - see with, ago -
But I must change my subject - Travelling

by the canal is very monstrous, but there
is nothing particularly terrible about it;
although one or two young folks on board
were sea sick and some old ones seemed very
much frightened. We arrived rather late at the
Quaiway in consequence of the strength of the
wind. I kept a good look out for St. Ann's
church but did not see it, - and of course could
not identify my mother's old residence, - although
there appear to be many houses in that neigh-
bourhood corresponding pretty nearly with the description
which I have heard of it, - I dined in the coach upon
the sandwiches which your mother put into my
pocket, - In this I am followed the example of
my neighbours; one had biscuits another bread,
a leg of chicken & some salt in a paper, &c.

We arrived safely without any damage at
Lisbon and I have now finished
my business here & will sail in an hour
or two in the "Royal George" for Liverpool

This is not a very bright bit of a letter,
but I hope to write better ones from
the other side of the water - I need
not tell you that your parents & their
family have the best & kindest wishes
of their grateful friends

J. M. Dawson

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