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Miss Margaret A. Ince
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Mr Milne has also used his influence, in bringing about this affair. James and Mrs M. are now very good friends, and she has been staying with them for a fortnight, she is however still keeping house in Brighton.

As soon as James gets all his affairs arranged which will most likely be early in January, he & Annie intend going to Edinb^r to live for at least six months. Mrs Milne and Harriet will accompany them. They talk of having furnished lodgings, in any respectable street, no matter whether in the Old or New Town. Could a house be had at a moderate rent, they would perhaps think of taking their furniture with them. They would at least require 3 bed rooms and 2 sitting rooms. Now as I know that your mother could give me advice in this matter, will you be so kind as let me know about the following things - Can such accommodation be got in Edinb^r in January, perhaps the middle, or latter end of it - What might be the probable rent of a house of the dimensions above mentioned, in Windmill Street, Buccleugh Place, or any other respectable quarter - I am myself anxious that they should have a cabin of their own, say something like that in 2 Baddington Place - James is altogether unacquainted in Edinb^r, & he would have managed this business himself. Forrest I cannot ask, never having written him a scrape of a pen since leaving Scotland, and it would

be too much, commencing with requesting a favour - His spare time
will be otherwise engaged, in Partic that. Your writing me in answer
to the above queries will confer a great obligation on me, & also on all parties
concerned. Is Mrs Robinsons house opposite you still empty -

Annie & Harriet are in high spirits about going to Edinb. The former
thinks it must be the finest city in Britain, I have never seen it equal.
Mr William H. Cain I never see, having visited him twice shortly after
my arrival & appeared to me, that he was a little more distant than
I expected. It strikes me forcibly that when a certain person visited this
city, something had passed with respect to me, which has soured Willie
a - wee - This may perhaps be found out, but it is a matter of no moment
to me, what may have been said or done - I can live without their friend
ship, it has not been as yet any thing to my profit, either in a temporal
or spiritual sense - Should Willie come out with any hints, I will ha
ve the substance, and you shall know what it is - which is more than I can
guess - Say nothing of this - - Willie said to me that it was a contemplation
to form a new Assurance Company & he was to be made manager. That
it may succeed as his welfare would be a source of pleasure to me,
were it only for his Mothers sake - Frank, St. C. does not all look
well, he is I believe a very unhealthy person, he is scrupulous -
Was Mrs. Bryson in London lately, if so he might have called to see
an old acquaintance, "out of sight, out of mind" -
Give my kind regards to your Father and Mother, also to all
friends in Selwyns Place, and Dalrymple - I wish it was time
for Mr. Lighons visit to London to purchase Stocks - What a
long crack he & I would have, will be here soon -