

Peter Bell
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2 Years after Lady D's

My dear Margaret ^{Marriage -}
^{Interesting in a way}

I must again apologise for
Lana, to whom it is such a serious
business to write and there have
been so many causes to prevent
her that in the meantime you
must take the will for the deed.

Lana herself has been very
unwell with a bilious attack,
such an illness as she never
had the like. She is now

I am happy to say quite returned
to health, but both the servants
^{at one time}
have been unwell, and one of

there is in the highway.

Christina has been rather
seriously ill for some time, but is
greatly better, indeed almost
she is down with Maria at present,
quite well. All the

rest of the Children, and ~~the~~
Uncle are well. Mr & Mrs

Prinrose and their family
are well. Walter with his

wife and family are so too,

and so are Mr & Mrs Cleyburn
and their two young folks.

If the weather is hotter
with you than with us, we
are thinking how you will be
standing it. Just as I was

proceeding with this, short
letter I have learned that the
Packet has arrived with a
letter for Walter, and enclosure,
for Father & Jessie. I am
glad to say, Father & Mother
are both well at the present time.

Mrs George has with some
of her children and Miss Matheo
are at Portobello. So are
also Mr Hall (formerly Miss Sanderson)
with her family, and also
to Mr John Oum and their
family. The weather has
been delightful but rather
warmer for some weeks, yesterday
and today there is a change

to cooler weather and some
rains. We are glad to
learn that your health, and
that of Mr Dawson, as well
as ~~the~~ Mr Q's Father Mother,
are ~~not~~ good; and that
you are all happy together.

Where there is mutual af-
fection there will be peace and
comfort, which are the highest
of earthly blessings. I feel
bound to write if it were but
six lines, as I do not know
that any other of the family
will do so this time; but
I need scarcely tell you my

time as usual; so limited
that I cannot take leisure
to correct this scrawl much
less to make a clean copy
which it would require.

Mr & Mrs Kyles seem one
in their ordinary way. Mr
Kyles is very infirm but
really not suffering much
but a feeling of debility and
inability to walk. His
memory seems to fail, although
he enjoys conversation upon
the whole. I had
occasion to write to Mr. Kyles

lately and learn that
Mr Shering and he are
well and their little boy
is thriving and strong.

Mr Grease and her
family are well. Mr
Mr Irvine ~~and~~ theirs are
well also. Mr Lauder
is much in her usual way.
So is Mr Reidman.

Mr Hershugh had a smart
illness lately, but is better
and is off to London with
Mrs Hershugh; they are likely
to be absent three weeks.

I do not know if I told
you in my last that
Mr Lunter, with her family
of six children sailed on
the 10th June from New York
en route for Canada
there was no report of
fever on board the emi-
grant ships when they sailed.
I am now very anxious till
I hear of their safe arrival
and have a friend in New York
looking out for them to
give them information and
what assistance they may need.

Walter requests me to say
that he and his wife are very
much gratified by your letter,
and desire their love to you.

I am, Uncle, James &
George, specially send their
love to you and Mr Dawson.

The rest of the children
not being present I send
a similar message for them
by proxy.

I presume from
the date of your letter now
received you had intended them
for the middle of May packet.

My affectionate regards
to Mr Dawson and yourself
remaining your affectionate Brother
Peter Bell