

Galashells Sept. 12th

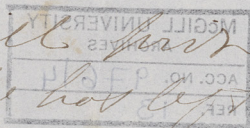
1847

My dearest Margaret

I have vexed myself
much about not writing you, it
was out of my power, for 3 months
I could not lift my hand to my
head, dress or do anything, but I
may say just to sit & mourn, it
was very wrong, but I thought that
it was to be a lasting ailment, irrita-
tion of the breast, not gathered; but
I am so far now, the Doctor
said it was a nervous irritation,
which only the bettering of my
bodily health could remove, (see
the news you see my dear Maggie)
am well now, so happy, such a fine
sweet little boy, Aunt Agnes says
she knows not whom he is like,
for he is like to beat the whole
race of them, that is of Grandmo's

Grandchildren, I am loving him
~~too much~~ I am is often warning
me of it - but I shall now
tell you dear friend how the first
paper from Pictou gladdened
our hearts. I was in bed, Mother
beside me & when I cried Maggie is
safe, she pulled the paper from
me & said is it possible, the tears
rolled down her cheeks, as she tried
to find something more from
perusing it, she always felt like
one of us, the weather was turning
here & often we spoke of your being
upon the broad Atlantic, but
you are well & happy, I always
so that over to myself, when I am
like to grieve too much, tell
Mr. Dawson he has astonished the
whole community out here by
saying you off, such a wonder
at Meigs & Co. & all round
if I could see Mr. W. D. I should be

telling him ~~that~~ he will ~~write~~
my dear Maggie, for she has left
much for him, but the longer
he knows you the more will
he do so. I know it will be so -
your Father & Mother were here,
the latter is in very good health,
still the want of strength; but
we all thought stronger than
the Summer before - Miss Will
has been here since I Grand ma
& Agnes went with her to Montrose
are to come to Edin - to day I shall
be there for some days - Mr Lees
& family are well, the next time
I write (it shall not be long) I
shall post it from this & a longer
letter, with all the Gola news,
for we must not let ourselves
be banished from your remem-
berance - my best regards to Mr
Dawson & my very warm love to
dear Mr Dawson - Yours
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Mr. Dawson

Dear the better portion
even was seen, have not
a moment to visit, feeling
badly during these dark days
I have all the time
at the