

I find I have not left myself paper to furnish, and time  
only further to notice that the lace is new with inclosed, which I  
shall receive at the end with affection to regard you  
Love and  
Sincerely yours  
Peter Bell

Peter Bell  
and Jane.

Edinburgh 2<sup>d</sup> November

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With expressions of Jane's  
Sympathy with Margaret  
Dawson.

My Dear Margaret

I doubt not you will be very  
anxious to hear from home but I have been  
so busy of late making up and down articles  
of dress for the children that the time of  
writing ~~is~~ comes round before I am aware.  
I do not know that I would have been in  
time even this packet had not papa  
reminded me that it must be done  
to-day.

I do not know how you manage  
to get your time filled up but I can  
tell you if ever you come to have the  
family that I have you will then know  
something about it.

Mother has been proposing for some months  
back to write you her mind through  
Dawson.

Mother has taken it into her  
head that I apologize more for you  
than any of the rest and she has not  
been altogether pleased with me in

consequence which I have felt very  
much, you must not therefore wonder  
at not hearing so often, as peace at  
home is the first thing to be considered,  
it is exactly now what it was when you  
left any one that will take your part  
in any shape cannot be friendly with  
her, I do feel deeply for her, you are  
seldom out of her mind and had you  
known the effect it was to have upon  
her, and the distress it was to cost her  
I do think you would have contented  
yourself at home, however this is now  
past remedy and what I say is, that I  
was as strong as any one while there was  
hope, but now I cannot see what it is  
to profit either you or us to keep up  
that feeling, My own opinion is that  
you will feel it as much as any of us.  
but you must be content for a  
time to bear with this not forgetting  
that it is just what you were well  
told you might expect, I think Mother  
will be the very first one to break down  
and to feel for you when occasion requires.

My dear Margaret. You will observe that the first part of this sheet has been written by Jane and that it is abruptly broken off. The fact is, Mr Carr came in when Jane was busy with the letter and it had to be laid aside, consequently I have got it to finish.

Mr & Mrs James Walker having resolved to settle up house in Carlisle for a time, came into town last Thursday and are staying at 11 Tourist Place whereby Mother has been, and still is much occupied. The purpose of their coming to Edinburgh is to attend some sale of furniture, they have already got some things and are waiting to get more. All their friends are well.

I may here mention that Jeanie, the servant goes on remarkably well and pleases Mother very much, she is quiet, industrious and obliging.

I should have stated that Mr & Mrs Carr and their family are well, - one of the little boys had inflammation of the chest lately but is now recovered. Marion, Jessie, & Walter with their families are well at present, and so are also our own.

Muddy coughs of course troubles him considerably but that is what he must look for, he eats well, sleeps well and takes his usual exercise. I suppose you would get Muddy letter and mine together, but so far as I can leave two packets, have left without any letter for you from friends here. Mother duly received your kind letter to him, and he intends to write you by next packet. There are several things I intended

to write, but they have quite escaped my memory.

There has been a great deal of fever here all this last Spring and Summer and now it is seeming to spread among the middle classes. Mr Mours, one of James' masters died of typhus after eight days illness, — Dr Hairbairn lost a daughter a very fine young lady of 18 years from the same disease last week. Mrs Price the Smith, (ie the taller of the two brothers) died of fever a few weeks ago, and several persons whom we know are suffering from fever now, among whom are Mr James Grant (eldest son of Mr Grant our neighbour) who has been 15 days ill and has not yet reached the crisis. A daughter of Mr Ranshead another neighbour is also reported in fever. The wife of Alex Lees one of the members of the church has been under fever for about three weeks but is now recovering.

I cannot at this moment remember any thing else worthy of mention. You will remember us with kind regards to Mr Dawson, and present our kind Compliments to Mr & Mrs Dawson send although we have not their personal acquaintance. —

Margaret Anne is becoming a stout little thing, and is fond of getting up by a chair and standing at it, but her feet is creeping, and her favourite amusement is to ascend the stair from the main lobby to the bed room flat (some one always watches her) and she is mightily angry if she is stopped in her progress or taken away before she gets to the top.