



Sister Jane Bell

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Nice letter -
re shopping

My Dear Sister

I received your last note through White & Co George Street, dated 9th March. We were truly glad to hear that you were all so well.

I thank you very much for the seeds enclosed, I had them set before they were five minutes in the house, I hope they will come up. you cannot send me any thing more acceptable, than any thing nice for the garden.

I took a trip to Dalkeith about a month ago and got some shrubs from Ballantrine.

Miss Walker is staying with Mother at present, I have got her to write you a few lines by this opportunity, the reason she gave me for not having written was, she had so much to say it was quite impossible to put it all into a letter.

Mother is just recovering from another cold, I am sorry to say she has not been so strong this winter. she has had one cold after another this whole winter, they affect her chest a good deal. Father has also been complaining of deafness from cold, he wrote you last packet I hope you received it.

I am glad to say we are all well at present, Uncle is to write you a few lines, Walter also. so that I think you will have no cause of complaint for some time to come.

Mr. Gill intends removing with his sisters, next May, to a fine self-contained house which he has bought in York Place.

Mr. Wood's Father died on Tuesday last, he was not long confined.

Mr. John Lauder lost one of his sons last week too. Marjorie and I had quite a trail through the town yesterday seeking dresses &c. &c. for our young folks.

I cannot tell you how much I feel
the want of a sister in town.
I like so much to consult and be ad-
vised about many things.

You mention that Mrs Robertson
intends returning this Spring, I do
not know whether she may favour
me with a call before she leaves,
but she has not done so as yet.

I will enclose the shippers and bread
which I hope will please. Also a
few annuals. I do not know whether
they will be at all different from
what you may have, but if you
would let us know any little thing
you might want I would be
happy to send it you.

I intended to send you some of
the homoeopathic Cocoa, but as Mrs
Headland happens to be out of it,
I will send you some of the
best I can get. Mr. Paterson has
kindly offered to take charge of this
parcel.

What kind of weather have you
got, while I have been writing
this, we have had two or three
showers of sleet.

Do not neglect to remember us
kindly to Mr. & Mrs. Dawson. I hope
they are both continuing better.

Mr. Bell and the Children
join me in kind love to you
and Mr. Dawson. Before this
reaches you I fully expect we will
have heard of you, trusting all
will be well. I remain your
very affectionate sister
Jane Bell