

Margaret's letter to
her mother does
good -

Seeds?

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My dear Margaret
I received your long letter
dated Feb 3^d last night, with one pound
enclosed, and also a letter for Miss Pirie
which was duly forwarded. I have
now received more money than I have
laid out, but I will take care of it
untill you want something else.

I must apologize in Mr Bells name
and my own for not sending Mr Dawson
the temperance numbers, they will
be sent by this packet which leaves
tomorrow.

I am glad you wrote
to Mother, she was much pleased with
the letter I understand, although she
has never spoken to me on the subject.
she commissioned papa to answer it, as
you are by this time aware, and a
guess are it was but you must not

be discouraged but persevere, I sincerely hope a few such letters might have an effect upon Mother's mind.

That is a very melancholly case you mention of Mrs Fogo, I hope it will not be Mother's lot, to have to lament such a death.

you cannot be too grateful to her for the care she took of you. Poor Miss Grant died of just such another cold as you had, caught last spring. her Brother recovered the fever he had last spring but it has left a weakness in one of his hands which is a drawback to him, I am sorry to say Mrs Grant is almost entirely confined to her bed from weakness.

our neighbour Capt Fulerton lost his second son the other day a fine young man about 22, he died after a few days illness of inflammation, got from going out too soon after a cold he had. We had an intimation 2 days ago of the death of Mrs Belli second son.

Mark who also died of inflammation.
I dare say you will remember him
he served his time with Papa.
You often enquire about Mrs Lander
she is wonderfully well, she complet-
ed her eightieth year yesterday.
Miss Bowie was not successful in obtain-
ing the matronship of Gilespies Hos-
pital, it was a Miss Brockie that got
it, her Father was a saddler in Bristol
Street. I cannot tell you much
about Mrs Lamb, poor woman she
has had a large share of trials in this
world she is at present in Glasgow
with her Family. I was much
gratified by your sending me your
miniature, I think it remarkably
like you, representing you in a grave
mood, which I doubt not will be some-
what frequent now a days, I cannot
send mine now, but I hope there
is a good time coming.

My dear Margaret

I am has left me to finish
this letter as the post goes tonight and she
has met with so many interruptions. I
must tell you then that the Temperance
Tracts are not to be had here, but a book-
seller has written to London for them. If
they are got they will be enclosed in Oliver
& Boyd's post parcel, as well also the spoon
for James Cosmo. I have tried all the prin-
-cipal seed shops in town, but cannot get
any seed of the Sea Pink. They all say it is
propagated only by plants being so cheap, and re-
-commend that they should be got in your own
-country, or failing that at New York. Prince's
-Karseny there is said to be the best for it.

I am has many more things to say but
must defer them; meantime with love from
all the family here and kind regards to Mr
Dawson believe me ever your affectionate Brother
Peter Bell