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Nothing special  
My daughter just nice letter

We received the news of your  
safe accouchement with lively interest,  
and desire to feel grateful to the Ewie  
of all kind for his goodness toward you.

We trust that your recovery has  
been completed and that the little babe  
also is thriving and well. I am or

I would have written last week, but we  
were much taken up with a young lady  
who was staying with us for some weeks;  
Miss Hill, the sister of Mr Hill a Medical  
Student whom you may have heard of or  
seen before you left Scotland. He has  
been very ill and his sister came from

When passing through Colchester were we stopped a day  
and two nights I got the enclosed from Mr John Hall.

Chesterfield to nurse him, - there was  
no accommodation for her at her brother's  
lodgings, and she staid with us, going to  
and from where her brother lived. It  
was a time of much anxiety to her, and  
it necessarily caused our time and attention  
to be much engrossed.

However this  
young man is now so far recovered as to  
be enabled to go home, and we have heard  
of his safe arrival. He was labouring  
under a serious disease of the stomach.

Your last letter to Jane reached her  
when staying in the country, she and I had  
gone to spend a few days with Mr & Mrs James  
Leese at their residence which is near Sed-  
burgh, - we came to town 3 or 4 days after,  
<sup>to our regret</sup> and found, on immediate inquiry at Lawsoy,  
that their parcel had gone 8 days before,

that is, before we received your letter.

In these circumstances, I am most wait  
your father's instructions about the velvet,  
whether she is to send it in the piece or  
made up. She thinks it will be quite  
too late for this winter, but she will  
be happy to do anything you desire  
her in the matter.

While  
I am writing the parcel of silk has  
arrived (this afternoon) and will be  
attended to. Mr Dawson's note

accompanying the bill is dated Aug 4.  
I have not the date of your last  
letter to Jane but I think it must  
be the one referred to in Mr D's note.

Give our very kind regards  
to your husband, that is including  
the Colonel and also the children,

As I have before stated Mr Lawson  
sent off a parcel in haste (as the ship  
sailed earlier than expected) in the end  
of August. Is he to send you another  
parcel next month?

I have little news to tell you  
Father & Mother are in their ordinary  
health. I do think Mother considerably  
better than she was some months ago.

Walter, Marion and Essie with  
all their households are well. Our  
own children are generally well, some  
little complaints among them, but nothing  
serious. This letter is only written to  
stop a gap in the correspondence, and  
really contains almost nothing. I am  
is laughing at it ever yours affectionately  
Peter Bell