

11 Wilmore Place

Friday 12. May 1853

My dear sister

I had intended to write today as Jane was so unwell but a multitude of duties which prevented me and it is now past 6 o'clock.

Jane tells me she did not mention the Hen that was set shortly before you left - we got three Cochins China Chickens out of the fine egg - and a chicken out of each of our own

keens eggs - they are thriving nicely.

The weather is still cold and little growth in the garden.

I saw Walter today he is not making much strength, - hope the fine weather when it comes will improve him.

Mr Bumerose was can find to his herb for some days but is better.

Both Jane and I went to Dalkeith in the Fair day to get a full & particular

account of your embark  
ation and found all  
the family well. I  
cannot fill the paper  
for want of time, have  
just as much left as  
reach the S. P. O. before  
close of post.

Miss McCharty, has  
arrived all safe.

Offer our united kind  
regards to Mr Dawson  
and I remain  
your affectionate Brother  
P. Bell