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I am under to you both. I found them
all well & have been advised, Papa has
been making some inquiry about a situation
for me & I have arrived and succeeded in
procuring one which will do as a temporary
employment. He also tried the S. Dupon Bank
but there was no opening. Thinking you all
the compliments of the season, with kindest
love from all at home, and most sincerely
for all past kindnesses.

Dear
Mother

I remain
your most affectionate nephew
Wm. Brewster Bell

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My dear Aunt

The Tomogonops arrived at Greenock on Thursday the 10th Dec^r at 8 O'clock A.M. safe and well, with all on board in like condition.

We had some very stormy weather the beginning of this month, it lasted till the day before we got into port.

We lost several sails and shipped some heavy seas.

I kept a journal on the voyage home, but there is not anything of importance in it, however I will send you out a copy of it by the next mail if I can find time to. Please mention to Mr. Dawson sen^r that I delivered both the letters with which he entrusted me, and experienced kindness and attention from Mess^{rs} J. Orrison, Glasgow, owing to the fact of my being a relation of Mr. Dawson's. I beg to offer Mr. D. my most sincere thanks for his kindness in giving me the introduction, as it has of great service in the

event of my applying for a situation in Glasgow.

Is business improving in Montreal? Every thing is in a much worse state here than I anticipated.

The Failure of the Western Bank, has involved an immense number of people in utter ruin.

The Shareholders, besides having lost all the money they had laid out in shares, will in all probability, be called upon to pay £25.00 on every share they hold, to meet the liabilities of the Bank. so that if such a call be made, there will be numbers who will require to sell every article they possess to meet the claim, which is certainly very unpleasant to contemplate. Papa sends along with this a few lines to Uncle, also a few to Jessie.

The principal ^{object} of my writing at present is to thank you and Mr Dawson for all the kindness and attention which was shown me while under your roof, and I can assure you I feel most deeply grateful for it all, and hope I may

continue so to feel it. When I contrast my present position with what it might have been, but for Uncle's kind assistance it only makes me feel the more deeply the obligation I am under to you both. I found them all well at home when I arrived. Papa had been making some inquiry about a situation for me before I arrived, and succeeded in procuring one, which will do as a temporary employment. He also tried the C. & Glasgow Bank but there was no opening. Wishing you all the compliments of the season, with kindest love from all at home, and most sincere thanks for all past kindness,

I remain
your most affectionate nephew
Mathewson Bell

