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Son of Jane Bell

Edinburgh 23rd April 1858

My dear Sister

I am deputed by Jane to write for her - she has her hands full of work as usual. If you find enough to do with your three - you can imagine how she must be occupied when she has so many to provide clothing for, and they too all girls. At this season there is a general fitting out - first some days of preparation, and then some days of hard work with the dressmaker engaged, and so it is now.

The chief object of this letter is to inform you that, a box, very nicely packed,

was forwarded to Glasgow early last week
and we received intimation from Messrs.
Said & Alex Allan, Shipping Agents, that the
Box was safely put on board the Harlequin,
which sailed from Glasgow on the 15th inst
and we trust will arrive safely at Mont-
real and in good condition. The lists
annexed will enable you to distinguish the
different articles, which are individually
marked besides, and we fondly hope they
will be found to your taste, and give
entire satisfaction. As a witness, I
am better able to testify than I am
herself would be, and I can assure you
it cost her no little anxiety, not to
speak of labour, to get all things ready,
and of such sorts as were likely to please.

As respects the shawl which was a very
important article and most difficult to
decide upon, my dear wife waited till the
buyers had returned from the markets (having
first ascertained the state of the stocks of
shawls in town) and then she and
Clementina visited every shop, and saw all

the shawls in town; and having got a sight
sent out of the two most suitable we all
fixed on the one sent to you, there not being
another like it in all Edinburgh; and of that
superior class of ^{chanille} shawls, very few at all are
kept by over the first shops. Many of them
have only one, and none of them more than
two to choose upon.

Jane says, that, although it cost her labour
and anxiety, it also afforded her great
pleasure to do this piece of business for
you, and she will be happy to repeat
it next Spring, should the article sent
at this time give satisfaction.

We had a letter from George on Mon-
day the 19th, which informed us that he
is about to return home, and has got
leave from his employers for this purpose
before the termination of his engagement.

About two months ago he had another
of those fits which he described to you in
one of his letters. It happened on a
Sabbath evening when he was sitting at
Tea in the Murrain's family, and

very providentially the Doctor of one of
the British War Steamers was present, who
attended to and prescribed for him; and
after he recovered he strongly advised him
to apply for permission to return home
without waiting till his time was out. Dr
Patou gave him a certificate to that effect
which was seconded by Dr Sage the family
doctor, and the Railway Company, it
now gave him leave and will send him
home (as engaged) by the first suitable
ship. Both doctors agree in thinking
that the voyage home, and his native
air will completely restore his
health. They do not apprehend any
serious result from his affection, but
the precise nature of the complaint we
do not know. Most probably it has
been caused by exhaustion from the heat of
the climate and the over amount of
exercise George has had, he having a
long walk to and from the work, which
there accustomed to live in that paradise

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them devoting herself entirely to her
very little babe she is a thrifty neat
swee to. I has had to get a nurse to
assist her, she comes four times a day
Marion is pretty well and expects to
be on foot for about a month yet

We have lovely weather just now
just such as you would expect in July
I hope the box will arrive all safe
the things have come to more than
you expected but I really had but an
imperfect notion of the amount until
they were summed up. I have sent
some things that were not ordered
thinking they would be useful. I
bought the winey sent to make a pet-
coat to myself a Christmas, but thinking
it would make a pretty dress or rather
skirt with a polka for you or fessin
or even anie. I sent it to dissa point
ment, I thought there was too many
of the silk remnantts but I got them
for the half of what they were marked
on condition I took the whole they came
at the half to 15/ I gave 12/