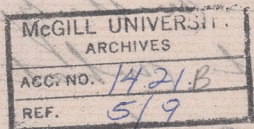


Primroses mounted
Edinburgh & some
general news.



J. Musselburgh
Pinnerose Place
April 1874

My very dear Sister Margaret
Your letter of 8th March
was duly received informing
me of dear Ann's serious
illness, and at the same time
of her having got the turn of
the Fever, and being now on
the hopeful side of recovery
which I sincerely trust has been
more rapid than you expected
and that she is now able to
go about again, quite restored
to her former health. I rejoice

Fever is one of the most
deceptive of fevers and requires
a great deal of watching. I
trust you have kept well your
self, it is wonderful what
an amount of care and anxiety
you are enabled to go through
in a time of sickness,
you say it is a long time since
we exchanged letters, the fault
was yours, and I often wondered
what would be the reason you
had ceased to write me, now
we are so lonely,
you ask how we employ our
time really I can hardly tell,
but somehow we are always
busy; in summer we went to
Carnoustie for three weeks
(we had Miss Mathew with us)

Then we went to Inverden beside
Alford for a week, then went
to Tarbet at the side of Loch-
Lomond for two weeks got
home about the end of September
Then went to Galashells in
October for a few weeks where
we enjoyed ourselves with
the Lees and Miss Mathew,
since then Miss M. has had
a severe shock of Paralysis
and was laid up unable to
speak for about two months,
but am happy to say she is
much better and able to go
out a little, Marion then
went to spend Christmas with
some friends in England she
staid nine weeks. so you see
we are always on the move,

now we have made up our
minds to leave Musselburgh
altogether, have let this house
for five years, and have taken
one in Edinburgh, as we think
it will be more cheerful there
and we will be nearer the
church which we always felt
the want of here, so now we
are busy preparing for that
and have a great many things
to turn out and dispose of
which we do not now require.
I suppose Mrs Bell told you
that ^{Charles} intended to have got mar-
ried this spring to a Miss
Alice Anderson but she has
also been laid up for three
months with typhoid fever
(also two of her sisters), and

although now better and able
to go out, she is still very thin
and not able for much, so I
cannot tell when the marriage
may take place.

You would be glad to hear
Mrs Bell was having another
marriage in her family.

I am sorry to tell you Anne
Mossman is very poorly they
are afraid her complaint is
just the same as Mrs Balantyn's
was, she has been confined almost
the whole winter.

Mrs Bleghorn daughter Mrs
Deut had a little boy buried
last Saturday he was in his
sixth year, he had been eating
plums and swallowed the stones
which caused inflammation in
in the bowels, he was ill three

weeks and suffered great
pain, Mr & Mrs Peril feel his
death very much, it is their
first sore grief and I trust
it may be blessed to them,

Mr Blythorn has also been
laid up for some weeks but
is rather improving.

I was very glad to hear your
George had got so strong. I
think he will enjoy his present
work very much, no doubt
you will feel very anxious
while he is away.

We hear regularly from Frederic
every month, he seems to be
keeping well but he seldom
mentions his health.

George is still in London
and Alfred in Dundee.

We have had a very mild open
winter last week was like June
weather, we were three days
without a fire I never remem-
ber of such a thing happening
before; this week again has
been cold & raw, heavy showers
and then bright sunshine real
April weather

There are great differences of
opinion here, with regard to
the work of revival which has
been going on in our large towns
we have heard it preached
against three three last Sab-
baths in Inveresk church, for
my own part I think it has
been the means of doing much
good, in causing a spirit of
inquiry amongst people in

general and I think numbers
have been brought to the
knowledge of the truth by attend-
ing the prayer meetings.

Marion joins me in very
kind love & remembrance
To Annie the Dr & yourself
and believe me my dear
Margaret ever your loving
sister Marion

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