

I cannot possibly write in present circumstances
 what I wish to say is how they will be
 met for me. I hope you have got
 the glass I mailed last week
 with a very affine I send
 dear brother. My love
 to William & her. Also
 to Mrs Baym. To the father
 of the doctor either
 the Collyer or the
 Bay. With a
 love my dearest Anne
 from you
 Anne Bell
 Thursday
 175!

I hope we will only receive
 news when we get you, via
 door. It will have been a great
 pleasure to have read these before
 writing at this time but making from
 place to place as we are at present
 we must be content if it does lead
 to certain disappointments. Last week
 I had only time to say we had received
 your short letter. You need not fear

9098/45/1c

my Committing you in regard to
Alfred's intentions. My greatest fear is
that you may be implicated by imprudently
promoting their plans. The life-writes of
such affairs are far too serious for it
to be wise for outsiders to meddle
with them in their beginnings. You
know how wrong you think it is for
Maudie's to interfere or promote marriage
how much wiser for your girls! It
may be that this is an unnecessary caution,
if not prudent it I seek to do nothing boastfully.
Cultivate great humility & self distrust. I feel
sure that you can ask the blessing of the
Lord to act on your advice. I talk
I think of some Belle's engagement to a Mr
Lennie. About Sept they intend consummating
the quest & Maudie & daughter are busy

Improving. She is very anxious for my
presence. I hope I may be able to remain
but occasionally I have slight attacks of
home sick ness that may be become serious
soon. If no more favorable opportunity
is had of before paper hours he will
secure my passage to go with the British.
We have not however heard definitely
from them about their decision as to time
of sailing. James intended has not yet
secured a house so there is much to be
done in short time.

We have hitherto been enjoying fine
weather & very pleasant visits amongst
friends in Scotland. I hope papa does
not find it too quiet & common place
after the excitement of London. It is
more of rest to the brain which is what
he needs. We have had charming drives

I walk amongst the beautiful hills
where the happiest part of my young days
were spent. & by rivers & streams made
familiar, in name at least, by some
of our best poetry & song. I have personally
enjoyed all this exceedingly. This morn. we
have been visiting the Duke of Buccleugh's
gardens, hives, pantries, greenhouses & hot
houses. I seen exquisite specimens of fruits
& flowers. Yesterday we enjoyed a charming
walk through the Marquis of Lathwicks grounds
where grow the finest beeches in Scotland.
Tonight we intend to return to Edin:
I am now we hope to go to visit the
Danielsons. & we dine with my old
friend Mr. Bayd. — I am sure to
send you a sheet & ill written letter
we have no thin paper & only a scraping
sparking pen from which the ink will
not pass off. Thank Miss Lamm for her
letter