

Jane Bell

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Attitude of Margaret's  
Mother - (unkind)

I had all but forgot  
to mention what  
the things sent cost.  
they came in all  
to 15/ the bottle was  
I never mind the  
money at present,  
we will surely  
be having some  
transcripts that  
will make up  
I have no doubt, you will think  
I might have written you before this time,  
you have heard some of the reasons  
already, amongst others I may mention that  
I have had one of my servants in the  
febrinary for three weeks with slight in-  
flammation, it is astonishing the many  
things that occur in a family however  
trifling to consume time. I never  
managed to get out to look after your  
small commission till Thursday night  
last and Saturday was the day it must  
be at Boyd's. You say nothing of the kind  
of cloth of which you would like the shirt  
made, I therefore thought it would be better



to have them all made of the same  
whether linen or cotton, and have sent  
you a pattern which I hope you will  
understand, you can make a night  
shirt of it when you have got the  
others cut, I think there is no com-  
parison between a brass kettle and  
a pair of waiters for the purpose  
you want, as you left the decision  
partly to my judgement I chose the former  
and have sent you a very nice large  
one, never scruple to mention any  
thing you would like out, it is a very  
simple matter for me when you  
have a box coming to enclose any thing  
you may want, Mother & Father  
came home from Galashields on mon-  
day last I think Mother the better of  
the change, our friends there are  
generally well, Mrs. Kees has got in to her  
new house and a very grand one it must  
be according to all accounts.



Mr. Giles has been in at Portobello for  
a month with her family they leave  
to-day. Jessy is there at present they are  
all well, I heard of Marion yesterday  
they are also well. Walter and his  
family are at seafield. Mr & Mrs How-  
burgh are in London at present,  
Mr Inglis continues much in the same  
state as when you saw him last,  
no doubt weaker, Mr Lauder is well  
and I think friends generally although  
there have been many changes since  
you left us. You give a very melan-  
choly account of these poor shipwrecked  
emigrants, I hope they will not be the  
means of spreading fever in the town.  
When you write say how the Doctors are,  
We are all well at present, Jessy has  
been on a visit to Mr. Bell's family for  
two weeks she will be another week  
in Glasgow before she comes home.



Margaret Ann is one of the sweetest little dolls ever you saw, not walking yet, but creeping through all the house.

With respect to Mother I am sorry to say she entertains the same opinion of your conduct that ever she did, you are little out of her mind night or day, I scarcely think that in writing, you take the wright way with her, although I confess I do not know what to advise. do not give the most distant hint that I said any thing, I wish most sincerely I could tell you what would please, remember us all most kindly to your dear Willie also to Mrs. M<sup>r</sup>. Dawson I have been long in writing and I think you have got a scrawl when done, there is one advantage it will have over yours that of being easily read. With kind love to yourself believe me your affectionately sister J. Webb