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Dear Margaret

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I think you have not had
a letter from this side for some
time & not knowing that anyone
is writing I offer you a few
lines although I have nothing
particular to communicate
I received yours of March 9th
with much pleasure yours
also to mother through John
Newton came to hand and
I have not heard anything
particular as to its reception
except that it is our opinion
that

Mother is coming round. —

I am sorry to say that
her health does not improve at
all she is getting very much
the appearance her Aunt
Denar had and we are
afraid there is water but
Professor Henderson is saying
and just to take care of Damp
and cold — there is one
thing which we all regret
for Mother's Comfort Jane the
servant is leaving & we fear
a new one will quite put
Mother

about as Jane knew all
her ways however Mother
has sometimes been rather
impatient with her Satety
and she would not stop
I had no idea she had such
a proud spirit Jane rather
thought her quite an easy
soft person you might do any
thing you liked with
Father is quite well I never
saw him better except that
he cant walk so fast as he use
to do which so far suits me
as

I never could keep up with
him —

Mr Mather has been here
for some weeks at Mrs
which of course Mother likes
very much She leaves today

two of the Misses Mather are
just going to be married — Chris-
tiana to Mr Elgin Parkseller
and Elizabeth I think (our sister)
to Mr Gilmour Tanner —

Mother has been down at
Hephleugh attending upon
Marion who has got a very
fine Lapis I have not heard
what her name is to be — some-
thing very romantic probably

I enclose a note for Mr McDonald
if he pays you anything please receive it from

we read the last vol of
Elliot's works it better it
appears to be quite a standard
work. The author of the 7th
vol I observed frequently
refers to him.

There is quite a lull here
at present in reference to
Prophecy the consequence of
previous over excitement

on looking at your
letter I see you have given
me a subject sufficient
to fill a letter or to tell
you the history of all our
little ones

well to begin as the Youngest
Auntie is just 6 past as
you alluded to her birthday
being the same as your little
fellowes she is fair & very lively
more spirit than all the rest
sent together but delicate & is
affected with the East wind in
Spring she has only gone to
School this Spring & has been
absent most of the time —

Jesse & George are the Twins
& past both as strong as Lions
it is quite remarkable they are
the healthiest of the family
Jesse

Lepie is Dark quiet & Diligent
Very obedient & Moderate
abilities - George is rather a
dull Scholar but they say
Phys faculties are slower
of development

Helen will be 10 in October
I see you remember her cor-
rectly she is very clever
is often Sur in all her classes
& might be always so but
she is fond of play and as
she is not robust we do
not prep her to overmuch
study - neither is she yet

much help to her mamma
as she has no taste for sewing
or any household work.

The weather here is still
very cold & chilly east wind,
I suppose it is your snow &
icebergs melting & sending
their cold blasts this way

I get on very well with
my vegetarianism it has in
proved my health. do you
use any Indian corn could
you send me any receipts
for cooking it —

All branches of the family are
well & my wife joins in kindest
regards for you & yours & also to
Mrs. D. — yours ever affly
Mellen Worcester