

to England by Saturdays
Steamer

My dear housemaid
Sarah Ann

to be married in
short

about month. I got
my sister as well as girl

well pleased with
but am disappointed

with another change
I am

My dear
I am

a full measure
I am

from you
I am

most
I am

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me - received your first letter I learned
from your own dear self that you
were safely over the stormy tossing sea.

I had strongly hoped that your baggage
would prove to be less stormy - for
must at my poundment have got

a an out portion of the dreadful
gale on this side. I am sure you
got a warm welcome from the Bells

I received a letter from Mrs Bell
yesterday dated the day of your arrival
at Glasgow, saying how glad she would

be to do anything for you. It would
have been pleasant if you had been

meant to them.

On Sunday evening the 10th of this month we (including Mr Christie who was staying with us) were sitting by the fire talking about you. Each guessing what you had been doing that day in Edin. My guess was that you had been ^{with} the younger members of Mrs Bell's family at a meeting of the Bazaar. Afterwards Mr Christie prayed most affectionately for you. "That the God of your father might be your God to guide in the new circumstances of life upon which you have now entered". I got know this as our constant prayer.

I went to the garden this morning (my little pet Mabel with me) to try if any flowers were to be found. I succeeded in getting a few very pretty pansies from your bed. A few primulas (the leaves are quite blackened by frost) & some

marigolds, even the petunias are gone.

The apples with the exception of the Collins
are all picked.

In addition to my usual work I have
undertaken the superintendence of a "Bible
woman" this winter. The district is between
the Lawrence Maine & Blbury ^{Sts} bus
mission women is to be in the House
of Refuge. I have my first Mother's Meeting
today. I enter upon the whole work
with much faint-heartedness. I have
so little time. & the preliminary arrangements
have given me a very busy time.

Mrs Bell asks what will be done
with Anna's dress should Cap. Hatis
not return to Mount this Autumn?
I did not mean for her to purchase it
unless Cap. S. was going to return. Had
not you understood this to be the
arrangement? If possible I shall
write to her by this mail & perhaps
hint that very perhaps - I may go to

buy it myself.

Richards my dear George I have
had nothing of importance to write to
you. Our home movements have
been of the daily routine character. I do
not wish to encroach on Anna's privilege
of communicating to you the daily news. My
letters are usually written hurriedly & omitted
much in emphasis. Notwithstanding these
difficulties I am not willing to forgo the
pleasure of feeling that I am talking to you
periodically. It will take but a few
minutes to read these scrawls. I know
that you will overlook all mistakes
& I wish you to throw them into the
fire as soon as they are read. I have
my Mother's meeting this afternoon - tomorrow
I must go to Market so I write now a short
time before lunch. Anna has given Eva
her lessons & accompanied by Nina goes
to Mr Bancroft's Church to see Harry McIlhen
married - She goes with her husband