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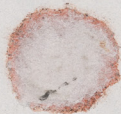
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Mr. Dawson & Co.
care Mr. J. W. Pauson
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Peter Bell
11 Gilmore Place
Edinburgh 16th April 1847

written just after she
sailed for Canada / 47

Dear Margaret

Your having left the land of your Birth,
Parents, and friends, to cross the great ocean with your Husband,
to the land of your adoption, ~~yet~~ seems to me, ^{yet} like a dream.

I can scarcely realize it; but when done, the family
circle, or chain, has a gap in it, as if a link was broken
out. I never remember to have felt so

indisposed to write, as on the present occasion, but
having promised to you to write by the middle of April
I keep my word.

We received your two last notes
written just when you were about to sail, which were
gratifying as giving us information of the exact time of
your departure. The wind seemed favourable for
you at the time of your sailing and for several days
afterwards, but on the 8th and 9th instant we had a very
strong breeze from the north west, which was felt severely
in the Clyde and in some other quarters, and I fear
would operate with considerable violence on your vessel.

There is very little to report as having occurred
since you left. Friends generally are in ordinary
health, - Mr. Baylis is rather better these three weeks past.

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Mother ~~has~~ ^{has} never been out, excepting twice at the Church
meeting, and for the last eight days has been suffering from
a rather severe cold and Dr Neilbycki attending her.

Sane and Uncle joins me in kindest wishes
towards both you and W Dawson.

We will all be very anxious to hear of your safe
arrival at Halifax, and subsequently of your arrival at
Pictou.

You may perhaps think this a very
short and not very hearty letter, but really I am unable
to write at greater length or more cheerfully at present.
Hoping to hear good accounts I remain

Dear Margaret

Yours affectionately
Peter Bell