

Mr. Bell
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My dear Margaret

Keep writing
just to show.

I have received your long and interesting letter of the 20th ulto and I have taken in hand, not to write in reply to it but simply to acknowledge it and let you know how we are going on. We are happy to hear that your boy goes on thriving and that your own health is being re-established. Jane has been making a thorough cleaning of the house and what with that and other matters she has her hands more than full. She is much obliged for your pattern, and

of nature I suppose. He is very
quiet and submissive under the
trial. Father & Mother have both
been complaining - Father suffers from
great deafness in his left ear - Dr
Weilohycki says it will be better when
the weather gets warmer but I rather
doubt it however we will try to hope
the best. Mother is suffering just
now from inflammation in her right
eye but I trust it will soon be
better.

George Robt Penrose
has also a very severe eye, he has been re-
siding at W. Trustees Place for some weeks

I must close as the post goes
in half an hour, you will do

your best to make it out as I
write in great haste and have
no time to make it readable

Kind regards to Mr Dawson
thanks for the newspapers

All the rest are well

Love yours affectionately

Peter Bell