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My dear Mrs Dawson

I have seen by your letter to Mr Bell
that you had kindly intended to write to me,
and I am glad that I have yet sight, as I
have always the will to remember you by
thus addressing you. My vision has very much
faded and the sight of the right eye is entirely
gone. but I can see to read, and to write
about by means of the left, and feel most
sincerely thankful for the blessing yet bestowed
on me. We are all well at Gilmore
Place. Indeed remarkably so, Mrs Bell's
youngest hope is a very fine child. I heard
M^r

Mr Walter say the other day. (after whom
she is named Ellen, and Primrose for your
sister Marion) that she is the flower of the
Flock. But they are all fine thriving
Children. Your little namesake Margaret
Anne, has been indulged with a seat at
Table. since the appearance of her little
sister, and behaves like a little Queen
altho she does not speak yet. she con-
sives to make her wants known, and
is a funny good tempered creature,
much oftener laughing than crying.

Your Father and Mother are gone
to Gallashells to pass a few weeks with
Friends. I am happy to say they are both
well, any stock of health they require

for the winter. I hope they may gain by
the trip, and be quite strong. Your Father
I believe saw Mr Dawson from N.S. before
he left Edinburgh, and I am sure your
Sister Mrs Bell will do all you could
wish when Mr D and his family all
come from Glasgow. Mr Walker and
his family are residing in your Father
at Kewington while your F. & M.
at Galla shells.

I am writing this at the
Club to same time in going home
You know we all have our best
wishes for your welfare. Let me
know how you dear little Boy does
(and with kind regards to your Husband
and respects to Mr & Mrs Dawson. I am
Affectionately Yours Peter Mathewson

Did not open it at Pictou. as it was
from Edinburgh and bore the same
seal that this does. ever yours
P.M.

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Ketchikan N.S.

Pictou.

Mr J. MacDawson's

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The first letter I wrote was returned to
me some time ago. I had addressed it
to Mr George Dawson. and wonder you