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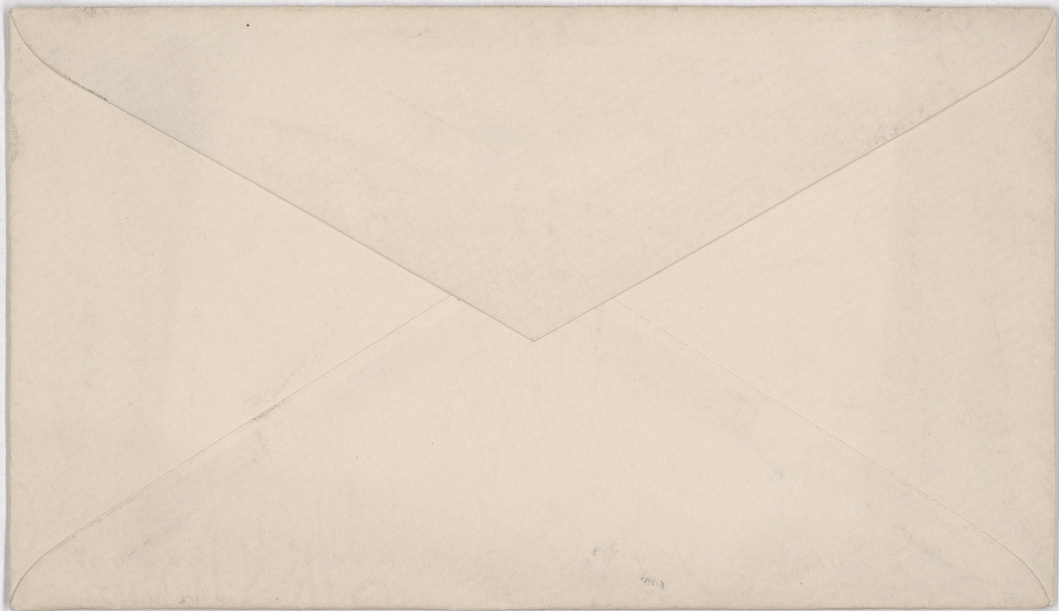
also Peter Bell

Re Mother's illness

" Plethors " Leeches etc

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My dear Sister

It is in much grief that I  
inform you ~~our~~ dear Mother is  
very unwell. She has been enjoy-  
ing a considerable measure of good  
health for the last month in particular  
but on Sabbath evening the 15<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>l</sup>  
she complained that she had had a rest-  
less night from a pain in her left breast.

Marion was with her and she  
sent for Jane after breakfast, - the pain  
had subsided in the meantime and  
Mother fell into a sleep. D'Wilsbycki  
was called and came immediately, - the pain  
which had existed in the left breast did  
not alarm him as he considered it sym-  
-pathetic with the right breast on which  
there had been and still was a small  
extent of suppuration, and he gave some  
medicine to subdue the fever which was  
indicated by Mother's pulse.

Mother



continued in a remarkable drowsy state all Sabbath but perfectly sensible of what was said to her when she was awake. Dr. Weildorfski

continued his visits all day and made his last one at 11 o'clock P.M.

Mother was restless during the night and seemed to us no better in the morning. Dr. W. said she was

much better. By this time all

the family had consulted together and agreed to have other advice and I

called on Dr. Fairbairn who came immediately and stated to us his

opinion that it was a case not to be trifled with, as inflammatory

action was going on in the chest,

and the left lung was somewhat affected. We proposed to him to

take ~~the~~ Dr. Alison's assistance which he gladly did, and they both saw Mother before 12 o'clock on Monday.

A mustard poultice was first applied before Dr. Almon came, - then six leeches, but about five o'clock afternoon the pulse was still very feverish and a fly blister was put upon the left side of the chest. Next morning when the blister came off there was some improvement, but the blister was still kept open and at same time nourish- ment was ordered to be given.

During Tuesday evening and Wednesday and up to yesterday forenoon Mother seemed considerably relieved, but she has had a restless night and is not so well today. Dr. Almon and Feorbeian have been unremitting in their atten- tion and all that man can do is being done, but Mother's age makes the issue (mainly speaking) still very doubt- ful. I shall write again by next post as you must feel very anxious.

Sarah, Marian and Lizzie are constantly with Mother, and are



or more always during the night.  
Mrs Walter Meves also is frequently  
assisting.

All your Sisters send their  
Love to you; they are all connected  
are very anxious and concerned; but  
we must commit all to Him in  
whose hand is our life and every  
thing that respects us.

With affectionate regards, I remain  
my dear Sister yours very sincerely  
Peter Bell

Our united kind remembrance to  
Mr Dawson.

