

My time is done a well as my paper, or I should have  
told you we have had two marriages here within  
the week. Mr. Andrew is a daughter of  
Mr. Bates, the other the  
daughter of Mr. Bates who keeps the  
school. I am to a son of Mr. Grayhead  
and my writing you  
in the society of your  
and believe  
Edinburgh your very  
wretched  
I have felt myself very little  
to write this, shall not consume it  
apologizing for being so long about it.  
I have begun at last  
to acknowledge from you,  
the one by Mr. Bregar, the other by post. The one  
had the other day, has made us very  
anxious indeed, I wish Mr. Dawson had been  
somewhat stronger before you had written,  
but I am sure that he is by this time quite  
restored to his usual health, and also that you  
and the children have escaped a fever so  
much to be dreaded.  
Mr. Bregar had got before your last letter reached  
me containing a commission for a bount, which  
I was not sorry for as I am quite sure you would  
not have liked it, there is not such a thing

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worn here neither upon old or young as a  
beaver, felt is very fashionable here and  
looks well upon children, but I do not like  
it upon grown up persons at all.

like all bad writers I must complain of  
something, my ink is so thick it will not  
leave the pen without putting off half my  
time, I must apply to Jessie for some she has.

I should have thanked you for the  
neat little remembrance you sent me  
in the shape of a book mark, also in Miss Margaret  
Annie's name for her book, she is very proud of  
it but cannot read it yet, we have sent her  
to school for the first time this week.

you mention in your last having sent some  
apples, they have not arrived yet, I shall speak  
more at length about them when I see them,  
I have no doubt Jessie will be very glad to  
receive her portion. she and her family are  
well at present, are you aware she has sent  
her Jessie to a boarding school in manchester  
this summer, you know she was a smart for-  
ward child and not easily governed, so that her  
parents thought she might be improved by going



from home for a time she is expected  
home this week to spend her Christmas  
holidays, have you had any communica-  
tion from Marion since she had her last  
addition, she is well and has got a very  
fine stout child, a boy however, the last  
time I saw her we were talking about you,  
she told me if I wrote soon, to say she thought  
it was not a bad plan to put off writing, as it  
had the effect of keeping you always before her

Dear Margaret you quite surprised us by saying  
that you had had some thoughts of paying us a visit  
this winter, I wish you had made it out, our  
house is pretty well filled at present but it would  
have been packed indeed if I could not have  
made room for you and yours, I do long to see  
your dear little pets, I have no doubt they will be such  
an example of perfection we might have got a lesson  
however, laying joking aside, I do not yet despair  
of seeing you, come when you may there is one  
thing you will be sure of. (a hearty welcome)

I am sorry that you should have been dis-  
appointed in not getting what you would have  
liked from Amistone's but really it was your own



fault, you should at once have said what you  
would have wished, the things you have mentioned  
since none of us cared a pin about, and were  
sold at the sale for a mere trifle. What you have  
got are a free gift, sent by us as a kind of portwine to  
you instead of sending you, to such a distance  
a share of old things which we thought would be  
of very little use to you.

Mr. Dawson's shirts are  
ready and will be sent by O. and B. box next month  
I will endeavour to send your pictures along with  
them. I hope the shirts will please, I got them  
from Mr. Leghorn, I think I told you that the  
misses R. could not take them in hand, and  
I had got some made for papa by Miss Morrison  
which did not please me.

We are all well, I am happy to say Uncle is in his  
usual health at present, and desires to be very  
kindly remembered to you. You ask  
whether our baby's are like, they are not, Louisa has  
pretty black eyes, Maria blue, which I think helps  
to give a different expression to their face, they are  
very stout and well however, I suffer most from  
her teeth, she has got only 8 M. 12. I was to leave a page  
of this for Mr. B. but I think he must see paper for  
himself.