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Dear Margaret,  
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It is now two weeks since you left - a long fortnight certainly, and it is rather depressing to think that I cannot hope to hear of you for three or four weeks more. However I must wait and trust in Providence. I do hope and pray that you may have a safe and speedy passage. The west wind lasted here to day after you left. Since that time we have had some east winds and storms. I hope you were out of their reach. It is now west wind again with us. There have been strange stories here about small-pox in the Catharine Glen, which have made us somewhat anxious. A man working on board was taken sick and has since died; and the woman is the one of the crew was sick when she arrived and that he was sent to P. E. Island and the fact coincides I hope there will be no evil from it if the fact be so.

Anna is just well and cheery  
and learning to speak rapidly.  
She steps well and rarely asks  
for a drink though she looks for  
a cracker in the morning. I have  
had some difficulty with her in  
the matter of spo but she does better  
now. Nancy left her at 10 o'clock  
when I go to bed. She wakes  
at daylight as usual and when  
Nancy gets up which is early, she  
knocks at the door and I hand  
Anna out. Her teeth have not  
melted yet. I sometimes show  
her your portrait and after dinner  
she usually wants to see mamma and  
the eagle, both being in mother's dining  
room. She smokes a great deal of  
me and wants rides on both be  
very often. Nancy gets on very well  
with her and is very cheery. She  
has been out walking every fine day

I have finished my agricultural  
journal and it is now ready  
of hand. I am in some  
doubt about getting it printed in time  
for the close of navigation. In the  
evening I write at my desk  
and at least papers, and am  
not hurrying myself. I am for  
my empty house and have  
got the roof washed tight, and  
everything made snug. Your  
flowers are all thriving except  
the Calceolarias. I have been dropping  
and I have given it some manure  
and a top-dressing of sandy soil  
as well as abundant watering to see  
how it, but as yet I think without  
much success.

After I received from Mr. Cole  
by the mail after you left.  
I opened it to see if there was any

thing that needed attention; but  
there appeared to be nothing  
He sent out the pamphlets for  
Mr. Finney, who has left home  
for the present but will be back  
I suppose soon. Please pay Mr  
Bell for them, and the postage  
I do not know that I have  
anything else to communicate  
I hope this will find you safe  
arrived in Edinburgh, and that  
no evil may have happened  
the way. Give my kind regards  
to Mr. Mrs. Bell and Mother  
and all the rest. Love and  
hopes to George. May God bless  
you my dear wife and  
restore you safe again to your  
own living. William

P.S. Anna says that mamma and George will  
come back in big ship, and bring sweets & apples