

Nice letter from Lady D's Sister Marion  
Speaks well of George & his health &  
clothes.

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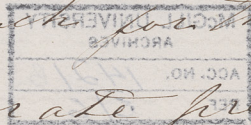
My dear Margaret

I take the opportunity  
of George writing to enclose a  
few lines, you would rejoice to  
hear of their safe arrival here.  
Mr Dawson is greatly improved  
since he was here, he is much  
stouter and altogether looks much  
better, he now only requires a  
little hair on his face to complete  
his appearance, you know I am  
an admirer of whiskers and



especially when so very much  
hair is worn on the face.

I thank you very much for the  
kind and considerate present



you sent me, it is very beau-  
tifully worked indeed.

We were quite surprised when  
we heard of Anna being with  
the Travellers, it was a very  
fortunate circumstance that  
lady coming across at the same  
time to take charge of her, we  
will all be delighted to see her.

George seems to be enjoying  
himself here along with my  
boys, they seem to get on very  
well together, but he will tell



more particular of that himself.  
about his clothes I will do what  
I can to get them neatly made  
I think the ones he has look very  
nice, the same loose coat is worn  
here by most young people only  
with a collar, Alfred is the only  
one of mine that has a short  
tailed coat for the office, and what  
the tailor calls a young gentlemen  
dress coat for Sabbath, all the other  
coats are loose but shorter than  
formerly, George makes himself  
very agreeable he seems a very  
nice boy and very obliging, I make  
no stranger of him, and he is  
no trouble at all, so you need  
not think it is the least favor  
to you him being with me, I



only trust the object of his coming  
may be accomplished and that he  
may return to you greatly benefited  
by the change. Though I fear he  
will never be a strong boy—  
you say "your most intimate friends  
seldom see him" if he were my  
boy I think I would never keep  
him back on account of his looks,  
but let him freely mix with all  
friends, so far as his health would  
permit. I am just fancying to  
myself what a number of things  
and lots of things you will be doing  
while you have so few home cares  
but you must put a sad blank  
while so many of them are away  
George is just calling for me  
to finish so with kindest Love  
to you and your young ones ever  
your Attach'd & Loving Sister  
Marian