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41 Gilmore Place
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With sincere
love to all I re-
miser your
affectionate sister
Ann Bell

Margaret

We were just leaving
for ~~Post~~ bells when I received
your welcome letter
I enquired at the principal
shops about satin the heads
of which were united in opin-
ion that black satin had not
taken as yet but that white
was very fashionable for
monday dresses &c. Mr
Maxwell Kennington's buyer
said if he had such an order
he certainly would send more
Mr Gray of one of the best shops
in Princes St said the same

Jessie was in London she
left on the first of July to
be present at the marriage
of a young friend whose
husband is in one of the
first wholesale ^{silk} houses in
London. I wrote to her to
send patterns of more the
result was I got twelve yards
from him for about two pounds
less than it would have been
here. I hope it will please
you and as it is a dress you
can wear on the St, if sitting
do take in the course of a
year or two I will be happy
if spared to get you one.
I could not venture to send it
now on the chance of its
becoming fashionable.

I have sent black and
white trimmings for the low
waist as I thought it would be
more stylish and a change
from the high, the cord is
for the waist turning round
the points and left hanging
from the side with the
tassels at the end as it was
not expensive I sent 9 yards
in case you would like it
round the skirt for dress.

The lace sent is intended to
be run on each side of the
bead trimming and put on
the sleeves and fronts in the
form of drapery. I can find
nothing newer yet than the
coal seam (which is trimmed
in all conceivable ways)

but I have heard that
they are to be worn wide
again in winter.

This you will see is merely
an explanation of
your dress it left last night
and I was afraid if I did
not write today it would
arrive first. We were
very much pleased to hear
that George was improving
although slowly, I have not
a moment to give you
any news I will get some
of the young folks to write
soon and tell you about
Gordons marriage &c. Ellen
got the gold medal and M. S.,
the second prize for French