

Jane Bell to
her sister Margaret Dawson
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41 Gilmore Place 187

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My dear Margaret,

I cannot think of allowing Papa's letter to Mr Dawson to go without writing a few lines although I have only a very short time and have not had a pen in my hand since I last wrote you. I was shopping yesterday with Mrs Timmeros, she returned with me and who should pop in but Mr and Mrs Peghorn, we spent a very pleasant evening Mr and Mrs Reid with their baby and nurse came from Rochdale at Christmas Mr R

remained a week at Dalkeith
went home and returned in
a month for Jessie. Annie
Shores accompanied them to
pay a long promised visit,
she is still there enjoying her-
self very much. Walter has
bought a house at Newington,
you will remember it
within a large garden near
our first house, he is to have
a small garden. The other
portion of the ground is to be
divided for villas. Miss
Shearer is to be married next
month to Mr. Forbes, gas fitter
(brother to the Fryer who got the
glass shades from) whose wife
died about ten months ago
leaving him with six young

Children, you will think
it very hurried to take another
wife so soon but he has been
in misery about his children
having no one but servants to
look after them, it is an
excellent marriage for her.

Miss Margaret Muir is also to be
married soon to a free church
minister, reasonable that the
oldest ladies should go off first.

Ellen has again been
successful at the drawing, she
got the other day for flower
painting what is called a
Queen's prize two handsome
volumes and a £ note

I had a lot of odds and ends
in my head but have
not another minute

Miss Boyd came in and
put off my time than
Mrs Shearer she expects to
be confined every day and
will not be in town
again until that is over
with love to all
believe me in haste
your very affectionate sister
Jan Bell

I must never leave a
letter till post day again.