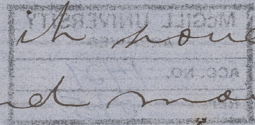


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41 Elmwood Place
May 28th 1868.

My very dear Aunt
I write to
thank you for your kindness
in telling Jessie to buy me a
present from you so many
kind friends have given me
gifts that I have nearly every
thing necessary so Mother
thought a time piece would
be very useful as well as
ornamental we have got
a very pretty one gilt with
a gold shade I am afraid
I cannot describe it more
particularly, it has a lady
on the top Industry with
a distaff in her hand
It is a very handsome gift

present Papa got it at the
wholesale price it would
have cost a pound more
in retail.



Since I wrote you I have
also been presented with
a plated silver tea service
a handsome family bible
a fish knife and fork in case
a pair of butter knives a
butter cooler a brass kettle
one stand a wooden anti
frackassar a large white cover
and a handsome hand
letter bag a pair of flower
vases three figures under
glass shades a card case
a white cracker tidy and
dress handkerchief I shall
conclude the list at
some future time I just
took this opportunity of
writing as Papa was sending
in a few lines. I am very

busy now. Again thanking
you and with love from
Mama and all the rest
Believe me

dear Aunt

Your Loving niece
Margaret Anne Bell.

I forget if I mentioned
the exact day of my marriage
It is the 8th of July.

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Ms. Dawson

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Margaret Anne Bell
Niece of Lady D.
Daughter of James Bell