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Dear Mamma,

When you get this you will be I hope comfortably settled at home again, the bustle of arrival over & things beginning to fall into their regular routine.

We were all up at Jane's marriage yesterday, & I suppose you will expect me to give some account of that event. We drove up from here in a Cab, on account of the ladies dresses, starting about half past twelve & getting there in plenty time before two, which was the hour fixed. Everything was very well arranged & the drawing room did not prove too small for the company. At two

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punctually the bride & bridegroom
appeared. Jane seemed quite cool
& collected, & asks Mr Sumner.
Your Sealskin mat was spread at
the top of the room & on it they
took their stands. There were
two bridesmaids. Amelia & a young
miss Sumner. The clergyman
who conducted the ceremony, first
offered a short prayer. Then in a
few words married them, another
short prayer, & the thing was
done. Altogether it did not
occupy more than quarter of an
hour. The only hitch was in
getting of the glove which was
a remarkably tight one. It
seemed, & had finally to be
skinned off wrong side out. After
receiving the congratulations of
the company Jane pro forma
commenced the cutting of the
bridescake, which was as you know

a very handsome one. Jane & Mrs L
then went down & had some lunch,
while some brides cake was being handed
about in the drawing room.
Shortly afterwards Mrs & Mrs Linnic
drove away, & the boquet on the
hall table followed them in
detail as they went into their
cab. The company then all
paired off & went down to the
lunch, which was very handsomely
laid out in the dining room.
After the substantials had been
disposed of several attempts at
speeches were delivered & toasts
given. When all this was over
many of the people went away,
but all the relatives & younger
members waited on, had some
music in the drawing-room
- a cup of tea about 6 & then began
to go away at 8. We returned
by train to Russellburgh, getting

here at 9. Alfred P. Cameron
down the night before the
marriage from Dundee & is going
to stay here till Friday (tomorrow)
I don't know whether George &
myself will accompany him
or not. George though I think better
in health than when we saw him
in London seems dispirited with
his prospects. I am going this
morning with Alfred to Litch &
Lope to see through a bone mill,
& vitriol work there.

Aunt-Primerose & many more
desire to be remembered to you
& Mr. Chearor particularly enquiring
after your welfare.

With much love from myself

Your affectionate son

George M. Dawson

P.S. I see in this morning's Scotsman
that Prof. Alcock has resigned, proposal to
endow a chair of Geology &c. I ~~will~~
will send you a copy of the Paper.
G.M.D.