

My dear sister

your kind love & the  
of Mr. D. also to Anna,  
and the rest of the young  
people, and accept of the  
love that Margaret  
from your ever loving  
sister  
Marion



Primerose Place  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1871

Margaret

Yours of 20<sup>th</sup> October  
came duly to hand.

I was exceedingly happy to hear  
you were enjoying such good  
health, and able to go through  
all your numerous duties  
with such energy.

As you remark, I have been  
sorely & differently engaged all  
this summer, Mr. Primerose  
began to complain about the  
month of May, and has got  
gradually worse since, about  
the beginning of July, his  
limbs began to swell so that

Mrs. D.

her husband  
very ill,

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so that he was quite enable  
to walk. (I may mention that  
the Complaint is the Liver,  
after the Swelling subsided  
the pain was extreme: they  
began to swell again in about  
a fortnight; and by the middle  
of August Dr. DeGree told me  
the Complaint had taken a  
dropical turn, and that he  
could give me no hope of  
his recovery: since then he  
has slowly got worse, the  
Swelling is now over the  
whole body, and the wonder  
is, that he still remains  
with us, he all along has  
been quite calm, is a most  
patient sufferer, quite resigned,  
and longing to be absent from  
the body, to be present with the  
Lord. I have never been



a day from home this summer,  
but remained in constant  
attendance upon him, have  
not even been to Church for  
two months; but all our friends  
have been exceedingly kind  
in visiting him: Mr. Geveridge  
the Lutheran minister calls  
every week, and prays with and  
for us; Mr. L. rides every day,  
we have a wheeling chair for  
him, as he has not been able  
to stand for two months.

Sometimes for want of breath  
he has to sit in it all night,  
the getting off and on his clothes  
is a very sad & fatiguing thing  
for both him and me.

but I have been wonderfully  
sustained, and we have all  
great cause of thankfulness

for all the mercies we enjoy.  
It was a great comfort to him  
when Charles came home, the  
business has been transferred  
to him entirely. We had George  
here for three weeks, Frederic  
went to London with him on  
his return, and has got a  
situation there.

I reviewed Dr Dawson's Lecture,  
read it carefully, and quite  
agree with him in many of  
his statements regarding the  
higher education of women.  
Mr Elghorn has been perfectly  
well all this summer. George  
has been confined to bed for a  
month with a chill he got  
when heated, which fell into  
his leg. It suppurated and had  
to be cut open, but he is now  
recovering.