

Re. Walter and  
Princess Louise  
Sensibility

Lochiel House  
Dunragit Road  
Dumfries London  
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My dear Sister Margaret

Both your kind letters  
were duly received by me the  
first when I was in Scotland  
on my summer trip, the second  
this past week, I have no doubt  
you will think me a very bad  
correspondent, but believe me  
I have the will. I was much  
pleas'd to hear Mrs Farington  
had got a little daughter,  
I trust both she & baby  
are continuing to prosper



Jessy, I was also pleas'd  
to hear of the welfare of your  
Sons, and that William had  
so soon got settled in business.  
I trust he will be very successful.  
When he was here I promis'd to  
get my larte taken, and send him  
one, which I now enclose, I trust  
~~when~~ he receive it, he will at  
once put the one he got at  
here, in the fire as it is not  
at all like me.

I was in Scotland for two months  
in summer, a number of different  
places, when I return'd, went with  
Marion and the children to  
Louthend for a sea air change  
for them, after our return from



Saw that we had a lady with  
us from Scotland, for five weeks,  
four weeks ago. I again started  
for Scotland, to bring home Marion  
eldest girl, who had been on a  
visit at Ayr for three months,  
and we were all so much desirous  
to have her home again, and could  
here of no one coming up who  
could bring her her home.

I spent a few days at Gilmore Place  
in passing, saw a number of our  
old friends, they are all well there,  
except the common complaint, at  
this trying season, colds, I also saw  
Walter, he had been confined to  
the house for ten days with a  
bilious attack, but was almost  
better, I think he must feel



Very dull now, he has only John  
Ballantyne with him which will  
help to keep him up a little,  
then he is a great reader.

Mr Grossman since died about  
a fortnight ago. I caught a severe  
cold while in Edinburgh, from  
which I am only now recovering.  
The weather here is very changeable,  
frost one day, and wet the next,  
with a dull leaden atmosphere,  
which is very depressing to the  
spirits, more so, as mine are rather  
under par at present, by the failure  
of the City of Glasgow Bank, of  
which I am one of the importan-  
:ant shareholders, and the calls  
are so heavy.

You seem indeed to have a  
very busy life, but I think it



is good to be always well em-  
ployed; it prevents a great many  
imaginary Troubles, which fall  
to the idle, mine I think is an  
Idle life, so a great many of the  
imaginary Troubles come upon  
me.

I see by the papers that the Canadians  
have given the Marquis of Lorne  
and the Princess Louise a most  
enthusiastic reception, they must  
feel very proud of it, but poor  
thing, all her Rank and Wealth  
could not save her from suffering  
severely from sea sickness on her  
voyage out.

Remember me with kindest love  
to all your family circle, giving to  
all my good wishes for the coming



festive season, in which  
Marwin heartily joins.

And with much love for

yourself ever your  
affectionate sister

Marwin Grimes