

Wesley Hill Martineau
Belfast

Nov. 3rd 1886

Dear Lady Dawson,

I have to thank you
very much for your kind
letter dated Sep. 25th, & for
all the pleasant & friendly
thoughts it contains about
us all; we often think &
speak of the pleasure your
kind face us, & it will
always be one of our
happy recollections.

You will perhaps think
I have been a long time
in telling you this; but I

~~moment~~
have really been waiting
& hoping to have a fresh
photograph taken of myself
to send you, as you were so
kind as to wish for one,
but I have for various
reasons been unable to
do so, & I have therefore got
Mr. Whittaker to take this
one from the large panel
which I think you saw
& liked, & I am sending it
to you by this post, as I do
not wish to delay any longer,
& I hope it will reach you
safely.

When I am done again,
I shall wish it may be
as successful a likeness
as the one of yourself, you

there so good as I have
for me; - or here I wish to
reunite Miss Dawson, that
I am always expecting one
of herself, which I decidedly
consider she promised me,
& which I very much
hope to receive before long.
Please give my love
to her, & tell her, I sometimes
wonder how that yellow
bedroom turned out after
all, & if it was all her fancy
painted it?

We were all very glad to
think we did not know
till your letter reached us,
of the very uncomfortable
state of the vessel in which
you crossed, or our thoughts

would have followed you
with considerable anxiety,
for we had a fatiguing lot of
rough, boisterous weather, but
besides a kind of "Indian
dumma" weather, which has
rather an unusual experience
in our climate.

Thank you for so kindly
asking after my health &
Clara's; she is very well
now, notwithstanding our recent
fogs, which do not seem
to have affected her, & I quite
hope she is getting stronger;
I have not been very well
myself, nor able to keep all
my engagements, but I hope
that I am going to be a

like better now, & that I
shall gradually become fairly
strong.

Clara & I were both able
to be present at my husband's
re-election as Mayor for the
3rd time, & hear all the kind
things that were said.

As a mark of their feeling,
the Town Council, & some
of the principal inhabitants
have determined to have his
portrait painted, & placed
in the Council House, & as
it is to be done by Frank
Holl, it is sure to be the
picture of an artist; & indeed
though I see his wife, I think
I may be permitted to say,
that I think the Mayor will

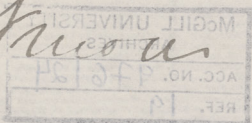
be a good subject for a picture. They are also going to have a Replica painted & present it to me, so that we may have one in the family, which is very nice of them.

We hope to have Mr. Holt to stay with us after Christmas & are told he is an intelligent & agreeable man.

Bingley Hall looks wonderfully changed since you saw it; it is this week filled with cattle, fat pigs, sheep, & poultry; this being the week of the Great Cattle & Dog Show, when all the neighbourhood pours in

to the Town, which I begged to
be excused, as it was not
necessary to go, on the noise &
fatigue, would have knocked
up; it is not so well attended
this year, partly because we
have not the Prince of Wales,
& partly that the British Ass:
Exhibition having been held
there may have interfered a
little.

Now I must thank you
once again dear Lady Dawson
for your kind letter, & assure
you once more what a very
real pleasure your visit was
to us; & I must beg you to give
our very kindest regards to
Sir William, & also Clara &
I send our love to you & Miss
Dawson, & wish you could
know how often we speak



of your all three, & believe
that I am your

Sincerely
Truly affectionately

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