

My dear Miss Kelly,

A very pleasant remembrance of you has come to my hands in the shape of a newspaper. The direction is in a good-natured hand-writing, which my brother will have it resembles a hand-writing which he has somewhere seen of yours. Whoever favoured me with it (for there is no name) it has brought you into my mind, with the recollection of the one kind evening which you were able to spare us. you have since been a sad wanderer, and are coming home, not exactly I am afraid to rest yourself, for labour seems to attend you at home and abroad. Such is the tax which excellence must pay for furnishing an ungrateful world with recreation.

I have ~~heard~~ heard, I need not say how painfully, that you have been unwell since you left us. It is some satisfaction that you have been able to appear before an Edinburgh audience. If those cold northern people do not appear quite to estimate your powers of giving pleasure, you are soon coming home where one or two at least know how to value them.

I feel particularly awkward in writing to you for the first time, but I could not let pass even a direction on a newspaper, which is like yours, without attempting to reply to it.

I am afraid our poor Latin is at a stand still, but I will not mix the angry jealousy of a school-mistress with the different feelings with which I have the pleasure to subscribe myself,

my dear Miss Kelly,

Your sincerely affectionate friend
MSamb

P.S. My brother joins in kindest regards to you. By the bye, he does not think the style of the Edinburgh newspaper so good as that of some other Provincial Papers.

20 Rupert Street Covent Garden.
6 May 1819.



IN THE BOWNE
OF
CHARLES L. LAMB
BORN 1770 - DIED 1820
MAY 10 1820
AND
MARY ANNE LAMB
BORN 1775 - DIED 1820
MAY 10 1820

Lamb's grave.

Edmonton Church
Yard.

