

Further for me only

Miss Lacey

Rev. G. Hamilton

My

Wife

My Dear Helen

London 7 Aug^r 1846

Enclose for you the Bank Post Bill for £25. — what I beg you to acknowledge.

It is with much pain I have to acquaint you with the death of our Cousin Bell. She was cut off after an illness of only a few days. The medical attendant plainly mistook her case. He was thought to be an inflammation in the stomach, whereas it proved to be gall stones. The treatment was, therefore, every different from what I thought to have been. Her departure was truly pleasing and peaceful. Poor thing, she had for some years past manifested a very different disposition from that which had once distinguished her, and seemed solicitous about the concerns of eternity; and if a fair judgment may be formed from her tranquil acquiescence in the prospect which was about to separate her from this world, and of which she was fully aware, then she has made a desirable exchange. Her death occurred about six weeks ago. I should have informed you of it sooner but that our minds were occupied with another domestic trial. — Selina's sister

Mr Thacker was then lying ill at our house and
after much severe suffering has also been removed
from us. These are indeed loud calls to us who
have been surrounding the bed of death. May they
be regarded by us as they deserve.

Colin W. Babington Matthew Babington
and his sister Jane and Mary are now preparing
a visit to Scotland. The extraordinary wetness
of the season has been against their journey and
may perhaps shorten it. but it was their intention
to visit the West Highlands before they returned.

I have no further news to give you of any of our
friends. As far as I know any thing of them they
are all well.

The letter for Lord Dundas was forwarded to him
the moment it came to hand.

I have received good accounts of you all when
you write. Remember us all very cordially to
Mr Hamilton & the Boys. Helen who sends her
affectionate regards to all our flock as well.

Believe me ever My Dear Helen
your most affec^d
Lillacaulary