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Mary Beck's wedding in.
My dear Aunt.

Thank you for
your kind note of
this morning. I am
glad to say we
are getting into a
more comfortable
state at home now
as our invalids are
improving. Mr. Ark
does not promise
him well but will
not allow him to
go to balls just now
at which time is
disputed as he had
anticipated accompa-
nying his sister to

the bachelor's
at Blotham on the
14th the Miss & Miss
are anticipated they
with much pleasure
they are also going
to the Stockport
Assembly Hall on the
18th so they will be
quite gay. It will do
Lavin good I hope
for she is not very
well at present she
seems as if she could
not shake off this
attack but she will
be better when she
can get out again
I had letters from
Mary & John this
morning, Mary is still
poorly, she was in bed

all yesterday with
severe cold but
has better when she
wrote & thought she
should be well in
a day or two. We
hope for good accounts
in the morning. The
speaks much warmly
of John's devoted
attention & solicitude
& we feel satisfied
she is in good hands.
It is a week before
more the wedding
How glad I am we
have not yet taken
for it has a great
anxiety for me
I was very glad to get
it ninety over & better
than might have
been expected even

During our naperson
in such affairs. We
were above 20 to breakfast
the company consisted
of Mr. Mr. Backhouse
and J. L. Becker
Mr. Henderson senior
Mr. Sharp
Mr. Atkinings
Bride + bridesmaids

Other bridesmaids, Mr. Balch
Miss W. Middleie, George Back
house, Miss - Leigh Arthur
Edward Willie (Charlie Wood)
The housekeeper from Down
Penholph she is sister to
my servant came to cook
the breakfast for us &
served it in - Ann Taylor
acted as lady's maid
on the occasion, all
seemed nicely ready with
much bustle. They behaved
admirably during the
ceremony, she trampled

a little just at first
 but was otherwise
 quite composed & looked
 as if she well knew what
 she was about and
 had entire confidence
 in her lover. He looked
 very well too - his man-
 ner was steady composed
 and affectionate, & yet
 I do not think there was
 a nicer looking couple
 married that day
 at least. The jour-
 nalist Mr. Madeline who
 undertook to report the
 marriage in the paper
 had the memorandum
 & reflected it conse-
 quently it only appears
 today. it is very pro-
 voking. He was to be
 married himself yester-
 day but no cards

have arrived, neither
is it in the paper
& either the marriage
did not take place
or he has made another
blunder in not announcing
it. Mr Henderson
senior performed the
ceremony for his son
he made it very
short, but read it
very nicely, he seemed
quite affected with
his voice trembled
His manner & language
has been most kind
& both he & Mrs Hen-
derson have expressed
much approval of John's
choice. Mrs Henderson
son is John's stepmother
she has only been

married to his father
about seven years -
Mr Henderson made an
nice little speech at the
breakfast & said they
felt proud of his daughter
in law. The happy
pair left for Boston
about 11 o'clock & stayed
there over Friday to
rest they reached
London on Saturday
where they now remain
I hope we shall see
them home before
the new year. We
shall be very glad
to have them settled
What or different
thing it would have
been if she had
been going to live
away, even a year

miles would have
made all the steps
more - as it is it is
almost like coming
back home again
And Eleanor appears
to be enjoying her
visit to us and is
very delighted to find
her among us. I hope
it will be more
cheerful for her now
that the convalescence
is improving. She
has been busy out
driving with the dog
which seems to afford
her much pleasure
in spite of the cold
we will receive the
paper tonight and
Sunday