Please see Mr. Thompson's letter & then with the kindness to return the enclosure

Yours Sincerely
Thos. Bell

Mr. Bell's Secretary
Dunfermline
Perthshire

27th April 1897

My dear Mr. Bleeker

By last mail I sought to have sent you a draft, but I had gone up to Inverness for a day or two just to see how everything was, and it slipped my memory. After paying Insurance, Sinking Fund &c I was owing you £3.4.6 - which due on the 26th brings it up to £11.4.6 for which I enclose draft -

There will still be two small accounts due for the roof as there is another leakage, which I think

have attended to, as soon as I returns, then I had to get a Carpenter to renew, part of the wood work on which the guttering round the verandah is fastened - Gutters of them will be large -

Our Minutto at Bruxelles is drawing to a close, for which I am very sorry, it really is delightful to be free from strangers for a minutto. We are feeling much better for the change, and the children look very well - Mr Forth intended joining us here, got his leave, had his luggage in the train, and had at the Office getting his tickets, when a telegram handed him, alters all his plans. Now he has no idea when he will come down -

The other day I offended Edith so she told me she loved her Daddy <u>betterer</u> than me, she is an very independent little creature, she might to have been the boy - Dick is the most gentle of the two - and very affectionate - They are both dear little pets - but not looks so much stronger since we have been here -

The Gardens is looking quite gay with Chrysanthemums and roses, we have rather a large variety of the former -

You know Mr, Mr Dalgleish have been with me six years, and they have the large room over the drawing room, last

Kate thought it would be so
nice if we papered the room. My boy
did the ceiling very nicely, then
we had it prepared, sort of cream
ground, with roses, dog roses and
another small flower, all in the
different shades of terra cotta, then
Ethel painted the wood work cream
and terra cotta, you can't think how
comfortable it looks - and the
Dalgleishs were so pleased when
they returned. It is wonderful
what a little paper and paint
will do.

You will be pleased to hear
Geoge has been made Police
Magistrate. He is from St Douglas
near Rhubarby -

I called at Mrs Burns shortly
after I came here, and was so sorry
to hear how ill she is. I
only saw Mr Burns -