

Edinburgh March 25th 1842

You must excuse my crossing a wee bit of this letter to send you
 the various compliments & respects of another's father. Mr. & Mrs.
 & her family are all in the
 most perfect health & you with me
 was kind enough to let me know you will share
 the same pleasure in the
 prospect of your having become
 a member of your Society. I beg to remind
 you that I have not yet received your letter on a large
 paper & I would never find material
 to comment on it. I must take this as

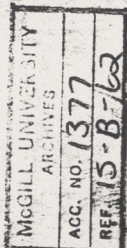
Your letter stated
 was duly received. The errors
 were personally the
 to him. He called
 times. I walked
 the Institution
 he is a good speci-
 - You are right in
 - but
 Scotland has the
 both places; so I un-
 derstand this strong language
 is fully developed
 He has kindly offered
 I have also entered
 a perfect communication
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mine when in health, but after he was laid in the
of sickness, I could not help taking a deep interest
in him. He had not a relation in Edin. to attend
& was removed from his lodgings, to Minto House
Hospital, beside our Meeting House, mother visited
several times, he told her he thought himself dy-

Mr. J. M. Dawson

Edin.

John Brodie



& had made his will, & appointed four of his friends
to take charge of his funeral. — Mr. Mitchell has been
ill, & has still a very bad cough: I fear he is in a con-
sumption. I don't recollect of anything else, worth men-
tioning, that has happened to any of your acquaintances.

graphy, history, & grammar, under the tuition
 of Mr. Brown - (Dominic) at whose house I am a
 regular visitor, every evening at half past five
 No tea drinking, - No parties - No walks have
 I time for; The Exhibition of Paintings, is now
 open, & having received a present of a season
 ticket, I shall endeavor to get there two or three
 times; I have been once, it was on a Saturday
 & it was so crowded that I saw few of the pain-
 tings. The principal one, is, The Trial of Effie-
 Deans - by Robert Lauder. You will probably
 have read the criticisms upon them, in
 Scotsman newspaper. - There has been a
 deal of damp, & very windy weather, here, this
 day, & very little snow. - When travelling about
 last summer, I collected a number of wafers, &
 broom pods, to send you the peas, in choosing
 the ripest, I had gathered a number of empty
 ones, & did not discover my mistake until now
 when it is too late to get more. I shall, however,
 send you what I have: I hope some of them
 may germinate. - You will probably be surprised
 to learn, that Mr. Grey, your favorite, is dead; he was
 four or five months confined to bed. He died of dis-
 ease in the wind pipe. Poor fellow! he was no favorite of

write. — Give mother's kind regards to your
 mother, & tell her she was much gratified
 by receiving a letter from her, but she was
 excused her, from answering it, as she almost
 never writes, she was at Bathgate lately
 & Mrs Dewar is in very good health. Mother
 has read Bunches book you sent her, &
 wondered after she had done so, how she
 had patience to finish to finish it. I can
 not say so of the magazines you sent —
 Marion & I. We return you our sincere thanks
 for them. I read them after supper, the only
 time I have for light reading, so they affor-
 me amusement for a long time. Did you read
 "Self Devotion"? I think it is one of the most
 interesting stories I have ever read. —
 You must not expect Marion to answer you
 letter at present, she is too much engaged,
 & as for me, I may safely say there has been
 very little of my time, this winter, been
 in idleness. I have now sole charge of the
 Housekeeping Department. Mr. Kappier with
 one, two, & a, continues to be a regular visitor
 at No. 6. — Besides all this I am studying ge-