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11 Gilmore Place Cal Matheson
Edinburgh, 28th December 1867.

My dear Mr Dawson

A letter I wrote to you
on the 15th September, it would appear has
not reached you, which is singular, as I put
it in the Post Office here myself, and do not think
the interruption is at Edinburgh, as I have enquired

Be that as it may. The tenor of my letter, was
to convey my regards to you, and those with
whom you are now identified, and to observe
that I had delayed writing in the hope that your
mother would allow me to hold the pen for her, as
she does not like to write long epistles, or, that
some of your sisters might have had that office
on your Mother's part. I shall be glad if it yet
falls to me.

You have such frequent communication
from some of us, that I need not detail any
family news, suffice it to say, that we are all
well.

our sociable assemblage at Christmas enables
me to say so. We had also the pleasure to see
our good friend Mrs George Inglis, with Mr
and Mrs Cormack. / You would hear from
Mrs Bell that Mr Inglis lately deceased / Mrs
Inglis is to reside in Fulmar with her son &
Mrs Cormack.

As to our weather, and prevailing
influenza, and general distress, you will
hear enough from the News Papers, and have
such other information as I need not derive
from others. Mrs Bell will not, I believe, write
at this time, but desires me to say, she has
attended to your requests, and you will no
doubt hear from Jane soon.

My former letter went to convey
my kind regards to your Husband, and to
request you to make my respects acceptable
to Mr & Mrs Dawson, it affords me very

since pleasure to learn that you are so happy
and comfortable. and I hope you may long
enjoy this association, and be ultimately
blessed every way you could wish.

I need not say how often the
Bairns speak of you. We are none of us
disposed to forget you, nor do we wish
to be forgotten by you. Mr Bell I am
glad to say keeps his health remarkably
in these (to him) troublesome times.
He does his duty conscientiously, nor do
we alarm ourselves with apprehensions, as
we are under the care of a Gracious Providence
at all times.

Let me at this season implore
the same protection for you, and all about
you. it is the best compliment that she
him can offer. And with all our regards
to you, and Mr Dawson. Believe me
Sincerely yours
John Mathewson