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My dear Sister

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I have been intending  
to write for a long time,  
and have always put off  
but I could no longer  
resist the wish and feel  
deeply for you in your  
present distressing circum-  
stances which I has-  
spected your heavenly  
Father to spare you in  
but you know that he does  
not afflict willingly and  
that all the followers of Jesus  
Christ are called upon to  
say,

"The Lord gave and the  
Lord hath taken away  
blessed be his holy name"

I feel it is when—  
pleared in circumstances  
of distress that the long  
distance between us is  
more particularly felt  
and that the sympathy  
which we all have for  
you and your beloved  
husband on account  
of the severe bereavement  
you have met with in  
the death of your dear boy  
would appear very different

were we in closer contact  
but I have no doubt you  
have experienced ~~the~~ the  
kindness of your friends  
beside you to have been  
all you could wish and  
that your mind has been  
cheered with the consolation  
with which the scripture  
abounds and which only  
by the mind of the believer  
can appreciate and how  
consoling the testimony  
of Jesus who said "Suffer  
the little children to come  
unto me for of such is  
the Kingdom of Heaven"  
We have been away for

a few weeks at the sea  
bathing & Father & Mother  
is now at Galashiels for  
a week or two Mother is  
very frail and not able  
for any exertion I was  
much obliged for your  
cooking receipts and have  
tryd them both with  
succes when you feel  
able to write me a few  
lines I shall try to reply  
to them sooner than usual  
and with kind love to  
Mr Lawson & yourself in  
which I am joined by Walter  
I am my dear Sister  
yours Affly  
Helen Messer