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Dear Mr Dawson.

You will no doubt think
a very busy correspondent
withal very unkind in
so long in responding to
your letter but the truth is I
always evade the task of
writing if I possibly can
little diverts me from
and would rather telegraph
thoughts than write them
so you must not judge of
my affection by the frequency
of my correspondence but just
take the will for deed

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Family last week, a daughter
who in broad scotch is a
sousy lassie. Jessie herself
is very stout & well this
time & Mother is with her
as usual although not so
able for the job as she once
was -- I was glad to see
by your note to Mr. Bell that
your own dear Boy was thriving
so well and that you yourself
had made a good Nurse but
you must recollect that
looking after one is only a
sort of pastime and by the
time you have half a dozen
on so you will not think it
such a treat perhaps - it was
singular that his birthday
and my Annies are the
same 24th March so I shall
not readily forget it

We have removed ~~to~~
to another house since I
last wrote you to 13 Upper
Gray St Newington it was
empty and we let our own
in Gilmore Place as Walter
was perfectly tired of the
distance & locality of the Canal
& he finds it agrees much
better with him both as regards
air & distance our next door
neighbours are Mr & Mrs Craig
Miss Hutchison that was but
I don't know what she does
with herself as I never see
her either at door or window
back garden or front plot

By the bye I may mention
to you the death of Miss Gordon
at Calcutta her funeral was

yesterday & her poor Father
& Mother are in great distress
they have only Mrs Moppet
now remaining of all their
family and must ere now
have suffered many a pang
Miss Sainy too in Gillespie
Hospital died this week so
you see "friend after friend
departs who hath not lost
a friend" the Cholera is
still going on here both
in the Town & Country &
Mr Cleland at Rosewell loss
a Daughter & a grand daughter
at Loanhead of it — — —

We are all well just now
and I trust Mr Dawson and
you are enjoying a good share
of its blessings remember me
affectionately to him and also