



There were no more than five chimney and fire  
way in such haste to overtake O. W. parcel that she  
could not wait till another way made and  
after all we lost the opportunity

save very much - that you  
let buyers out of them are  
at a cost of 2/6

an will not be much put about  
other things till another opportunity  
occurs - P. B.

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My dear sister

I shall begin by acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> from Halifax with its enclosure for Sir Charles Hall which has been duly posted.

Your letter came to hand this morning and we were just preparing to make up a small parcel to be forwarded this evening to Mr. Crover at Liverpool. He leaves

by the steamer on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
inst. Unfortunately  
we did not get the things  
collected in time for Oliver  
and Boyd's box, or rather  
it was off sooner than  
we expected, and I am  
sending a small portion of  
the articles, believing you  
will be more in want of  
some things than others.

The remainder must  
be forwarded by the next  
regular opportunity.

We are glad to observe  
that Mr Dawson and you  
are in good health, and  
that he is receiving deserved  
attention from the great  
people of Halifax. I  
have no doubt you will  
enjoy the quiet of home  
with a double relish after  
you get away from the  
excitement, and hope  
you will find baby and  
all pretty well on your  
return. The only piece

of intelligence I have for  
you (and it of a melancholy  
kind) is the death of the  
John Kawan, one of the Elders  
of the Church in Belaschik,  
after an illness of ten  
days of typhus fever.

I had written to him  
informing him that we  
would have a favorable  
opportunity to send letters,  
(namely by Mr. Coover) if he  
had a desire to write to you,  
when I learned he was very  
ill, and a few days brought

the distressing news of his  
death. It is a great blow  
to the Church over whom  
he presided and indeed  
a serious loss to the profession  
at large. He was a  
young man of excellent  
principles, joined with  
most amiable and unassuming  
disposition and withal  
possessing great decision  
and firmness. The great  
Head of the Church alone  
knows what is best, for  
according to our weak

judgment he was of all  
other the one we would  
consider the most unlikely  
to be removed from his  
sphere of usefulness.

It becomes us to mark  
all these events, with silent  
submission. I need

scarcely tell you that there  
is no progress forward among  
our churches in Scotland,  
if any are maintaining  
their ground and not  
dwindling down it; well,



but as for anything like  
growing prosperity, it is  
out of the question.

The time of the end <sup>approaches</sup> by slow yet ~~steady~~  
steps and while the bulk  
of the professing christian  
world is enjoying a day  
dream of peace and pro-  
sperity for which they  
have no scriptural warrant,  
even accusers and those  
churches who adhere most  
closely to the laws and  
commandments of Jesus,

are indulgent in the same  
fatal severity and will  
scarcely bear to be told "be-  
hold the Bridgeman Coar-  
seth" Our late lament-  
ed friend Mr. Lawan's mind  
was expanding to the great  
importance of those views  
of Scripture truth, and  
as far as he saw, faithfully  
declared his sentiments in  
his discourses. He has left  
no other fold behind him  
in Scotland like-minded  
and there is but one now

in the whole Conference  
that I am aware of who  
holds Scriptural views  
of the second advent and  
personal reign of our  
Lord. Some of the  
brethren here occasionally  
express their views on several  
parts of the subject, but  
it is always in the power of  
an Elder to deal more  
extensively and carefully  
thoroughly with a subject  
and moreover with less  
fear of being interfered

with. I am glad to  
say there are a goodly  
band of Ministers of the  
Free Church of Scotland  
who have formed them-  
selves into an association  
or Committee for the  
purpose of studying and  
giving public lectures  
on subjects connected  
with the Millennial age,  
and as you may suppose  
they are scinted and

succeeded at by their brethren  
of the same connection  
and by all others who  
adopt the popular theory.  
But they go on steadily,  
and I have no doubt will  
lead many to think and  
search the Scriptures for  
themselves. Jane and  
I went to hear some of the  
lectures, but unfortunately  
circumstances prevented  
our hearing the last course  
which I understand was

very interesting and in-  
structive. But I must  
draw to a close.

I am with Uncle and  
all the family join in  
kindest regards to you  
and Mr Dawson and

I subscribe myself  
your very affectionately

Peter Bell