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Fathers & Mothers  
ministers

Mrs J. W. Dawson

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My dear sisters

I ought to have written some weeks ago when I sent you a parcel by Grand B box, I am afraid you shall have received it before this letter can reach you. The last letter we had from you was one to Mr Bell the date of which I am not at this moment able to give, as he happens to have it in his own possession. You there express a wish to have some trifling things you had been familiar with at home, it would have afforded me much pleasure to have gratified you in this, but unfortunately the things you mention, were sold at the sale, with the exception of old John Philips Bible which Mother told Mr Bell he was to have at her death, and he cannot think of parting with it. I have however sent you a ring which you will remember our dear Mother used to wear very often, also a small urn which she prized, her miniature also, tell us what you think of it, it is not quite what I could have wished, We once thought of altering the picture, but we found upon

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consideration that we were as likely to make  
it worse as better.

You neglected  
to let us know whether you received the last  
parcel sent, containing Father's miniature &c.

I must not forget to thank you for the  
diamond pin you sent me, it was very atten-  
tive of you but we have them here in every  
variety of form.

What do you think our  
boys James and George have just returned  
from London, Uncle with his usual  
generosity and kindness gave them five  
pounds each, to go and see the great exhibition

They went up by sea, saw it is impossible for  
me to tell you all what, went, I cannot tell  
you where, stayed ten days in very com-  
fortable lodgings at 3/6 a day each including  
every thing but their dinner, the house at  
which Walter stays, spent three days with Mr

Blyth returned by rail and had a few shil-  
lings in their pocket when they came home.

Mr Blyth desires to be kindly remembered to  
you also Mrs Newcombe is well and has one  
child, I will give you their addresses when  
Papa comes in.

Mr and Mrs Walter  
have been up, also Mr and Mrs Leighorn  
Marion is not in a travelling condition

at present, and you know I am not much  
disposed. has Marion written lately I de-  
livered your message to her.  
I received your letter containing an order for half  
a dozen shirts for Mr. Dawson you shall have them  
the next day, but I am sorry to say they will not be  
the Muses Kennedy, Mrs. Clara had a  
serious attack of inflammation some time ago,  
and had not been able to undertake almost  
any work since. Mrs. Leghous is staying  
at Portobello just now, I have been urging her to  
write you, as she cannot now plead any obsta-  
cle, I have taken a room in the same place  
for our young folks, Jessy is manager at present,  
she has Jane Margaret & Susan. Ellen down  
with her, the twins are thriving remarkably  
well, they are absent to-day on a visit to Port-  
so that I am all alone they have got four teeth  
each, we are to have a baptism to night,  
the Johnstone's youngest daughter, we have not  
had an addition for a long time before.  
You must have a very anxious uncomfortable time  
of it when Mr. Dawson is absent, I remember  
us all kindly to him, and I hope you are  
in every good wish for your welfare and  
believe me your affectionate friend  
James Ball

My dear sister  
Sara has left some paper for me to ~~write~~  
acknowledge your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> ulto. I mentioned  
to Mr Horsburgh and Mr Irvine individually your remark that  
they did not reply to your letters. They both send their love to  
you and I doubt not will write soon. At the love feast on  
Sabbath I mentioned to the Church Brethren present that I had  
had a letter from your kind that you sent your love to all with  
whom you was acquainted. The Brethren and Sisters unanimously  
send their love to you, and are glad to hear of your welfare  
and that of your family. Sara has mentioned an addition we  
had last night (a young woman of colour, as you will remember all the  
poor girls are), - there had not been a baptizer since Miss Jesse  
Mackenzie of whom I suppose you heard. A letter was received  
lately from Mr Senter, the widow of the late John Senter who with  
her family live at a place called Gagesing, Gore District, Upper  
Canada. They are all well and very comfortable in their  
circumstances, but Mrs S. feels like you the want of Christian  
association. Her father is now dead and she with her family  
inherit his property. Your legacy from Father of £300 less the  
duty paid, £2- will be due at 15 November, when you write  
please say if you wish it paid in to O.S.P. or not, or how?  
Mrs Mearns's address is 7 Burr Street, Aldgate, London  
and Mr Robert Plyth (which I think you also asked) is 4 Sampsons  
Gardens, Wapping, London. With kindest regards to Mr  
Dawson and yourself I remain  
My dear sister  
yours affectionately,  
Peter Bell

Did it ever occur to you that you might to a certain  
extent help fellow ships with the church by contributing  
your note to the relief of the poor saints? P. B.