

Highfield
North Perry
April 28 1846

My dear Mrs Dawson

It is now months
since I received your valued
letter, and my apology
for not having answered
it sooner, must be in brief,
returning from America,
ill, and but slow, tedious
recovery occupied my
thoughts to the exclusion
of almost every thing
else. He would you board the
steamer at New York, and
and was in his berth all
the way across. The disease
was submitted to, was
tracted, the doctor thought
shown South. The weather
had been extremely hot while
he was at Pensacola, and
being there in such a
neglected state, that the

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I wish vegetation had choked
all drainage, and made
it like a swamp. He
suffered much and long
after the fever left him
from its consequences, such
as congestive muscular
pains &c, but now I am
thankful to say he is strong
and well, better than
he has been for years.

He rides a great deal on
horseback, and we think
that has proved of much
advantage.

He had a visit in February
from my sister Mrs South and
her husband, they were with
us nearly a fortnight. I gave
her some messages, and she
said that very few things
would give her more pleasure
than to see you again, but
it is far out of her reach
when in America, and in-
deed her thoughts would

admit of fatigue in finishing
her last visit to Anna & she
has chiefly spent in visiting
the Dick, her husband, Mr. &
Mrs. Babbie, & see all else
successfully, she repaired
and care herself, and that
have since enjoyed her former
strength. But she is always
so cheerful and happy, she
sorrow and feels that it is
well; she talked of writing
you, she says that her mind
was in that most darkness
when she last saw you, and
she has often longed to tell
you of the change. She is very
active in taking the part
of others, especially among
the parsonage, who are
a much neglected class in
Scotland. My apology for
writing so much of Maggie
is that I found you always
take a warm interest in her.
They have been in Glasgow

over since, but I believe for some
long years now. It often occurs
to me I wonder that we two
should be separated from
all the rest of the family,
and in this country. We little
thought of it while at home.
We have just had a visit
from Miss Caswell,
she quite took us by surprise,
and I believe her friends at
home were so little annoyed
by her sudden departure,
she left Halifax in the morn-
ing but I went at a day's
notice. We have enjoyed
her stay with us exceedingly,
she is such a pleasant sen-
sible girl. She intends
remaining in this country
all winter.

Many thanks for the photo-
graphs, but I should have
been much gratified by
the receipt of one of yourself
too, and one of Anna.

It is so pleasant to have
whole families together.

We rec'd, last week's mail,
the pamphlet William's
strictly I'm a wife you thank
him for it? I wish he had
had this wish, I had time
is to be shown, and I speak,
at his meetings, he would be
charmed not less by his seating
them by his songs, and various
republican acts. I have heard
him only once, at the opening of
the "School of Science" but
I never heard his equal.

Ann & Mrs. Furbie were with
us of course for a day or two.
They sailed from Liverpool
in company with these
Quakers, but not by
the Reformers Pres by train
Colchester. They had improved
in appearance many years
since their stay in America,
their health had quite recovered
and they appeared delighted

with the prospect of getting
to their Island is cheerless again.
Our Mother has enjoyed
good health all winter.
She lives so much in the country
that the stone does not seem
in abatement all winter.
I hope you will like the
velvet and cuffs, Miss Can-
michael advised me to choose
them, and they are just what
we have, though perhaps you
may have the style already
by way of the States. Tell Miss
Linda that I did not give
my idea of a book, but I find
it so puzzling at times to choose
out of the two or three of
writings, look for myself, that
I would not burden me for
mine, but preferred something that
the eye could decide at a
glance. With kindest
regards to mine and Miss
and Lizzie I remain

Yours very sincerely
P.S. I should be much pleased to hear from you
again from your