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My dear sister

As Jane is writing
I cannot think of allowing
her letter to go without adding
a few words to thank you for
your very kind and sympa-
thizing letter of July, it should
have been answered soon-
er but you know I would
rather do anything than write
my unwillingness to do so make
me put it off till the post
day which is wrong, I have

had three visitors since
I began so that this can be
no letter but I must tell
you how completely you
enter into and express
my feelings, so much bet-
ter than I possibly can do,
I did not know myself
when I thought I could ever
get reconciled to the loss
of my dear little Etta it
makes me all tremble to
write of her I confess I loved
her more than any of my
other Children perhaps it
was because she was at
such an engaging time
of life, my I have a break

down every day even yet
I know it is wrong but I
cannot help it I have
got a violent headach
with the effort of scribbling
these lines indeed I scarce
know what I am writing

I have great comfort
in my Children and hope
I am in some measure
grateful to God for it. I have
only two girls now who
have not confessed Christ
I think I told you that
Ellen and Maria were
baptized some time ago
Christina and Louisa were
immersed on the first

of August which I am
sure you will be
delighted to hear, I have
not time to give you
particulars but must
endeavour to write soon
and do so, Friends here
are all well at present.

Jane will have given
you some account of our
proceedings this summer.

I was truly gratified to hear
George was so much benefited
by his sojourn at the sea-
side. with love to your
whole family circle I

remain your most
sincere and affectionate sister
Jane Bell