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My dear Mrs. Dawson

Your welcome letter
was received some time since
but my ever increasing children
to writing must be my apology
(I was so poor) for not having
answered it sooner. It will
lie before me, and it seems
to change at this season
to a kind of sub snow storm
as we in it would say
this time you are so cold

suffering from the opposite
extreme of temperature.
We have had a vivid extra-
ordinary year, a winter which
was not winter. You may judge
of it from the fact that cal-
ceolarias which were left out
in the ground are now blooming
luxuriantly - and a spring
and summer scarcely cold. The
readings of the Thermometer
on Dec: 22 & June 22nd were ex-
actly the same. We are now
however enjoying summer weather
and the very evenings with
their out door amusements
are made the most of by all.
I am therefore happy to say that
we are all in good health

Leaves has but been so well
for years you have I. The chil-
dren are pictures of health,
We are not going to the seaside
this year, we do not need
change, after our long absence
from home last year, and the
comforts of home are not to be
lightly exchanged for the
inconveniences of long journeys, especially
with the awkwardness of others
than me enjoy. Mrs. Scott
is in America with her
unshackled at present. You
may possibly see them, as
they spoke of travelling a
little before returning. I
had a letter from Bessie
this week in which she

Speakers of the pleasant
time they are enjoying together.
Last summer Maggie was
the only absent one, I fear we
are not likely ever all to meet
again, but we have much to
be thankful for, in being able
even one at a time, so often
to visit our old home & friends.
I was much interested in your
account of your children,
what a comfort it must
be to see them walking in
the truth. Anne will be
such a companion for your
brother, besides an assistance
with the younger children.
Ours at present seem quite
taken up with their plays,



It is their whole time, and
I can scarcely get a word
with them, they are out
of doors most of the time,
not on the road, but in the
field or garden, and so
must just rest content with
the thought that they are
drinking in health and
strength for the future.

No doubt your husband
is interested in the Irish
Church Bill, as affecting
the position of Protestant
and Catholic. I should like
much to know his opinion

of it. Opinions are being strong
here on it. one party main-
tains it to be necessary, and
suppression of Protestantism,
the other, that it is just and
necessary. Whatever may be said
of the bill, the author of it is
a wonderful man. He has just
published a classic work, on
which he has been engaged
for some time amid the turmoil
of public life. It was said, that
while the printing was going on
at the author's last winter, he
retired to his brother's office, and
occupied himself in translating
for this work. Does this not

Show wonderful powers of
concentration, especially as his
election was hotly contested.
Fairer people might well
be proud of such a townsman,
but they are too Conservatives
to appreciate him.

I am very sorry to learn that
William had had such a
struggle for the rights of
his establishment. It really
is very hard that he should
be troubled with money
concerns, when his time and
labour would be so much
better bestowed on higher
interests. That is why I was
sorry that he has not been
permitted to come to this
country. I hope matters will

been a more favourable
aspect. I hope something
may turn up to bring some
of you, at least, here here,
I should so much like to
have a visit. Mr. Crow joins
me in kindest regards to
to your young people and
Grandchildren. I hope George
continues well. The improve-
ment in his health must
be very gratifying to you. I
very often think of you all.
I will always be much
pleased to hear from you
when you are sufficiently
at leisure to make writing a
pleasure, and should be
ever your affectionate friend
Saml Crow