

Mauntun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1871-

My dear Mrs Pawson

Your kind letter was  
very welcome, and a great  
pleasure to me, as one from  
you always is. Our new year  
began with trouble, for on  
the 7<sup>th</sup> my husband lost  
one of his brothers after only  
a few days' illness from  
the extreme cold; at their  
time of life such separations  
are not only keenly felt, but  
are solemn voices to those.

that are left; Mr. Cunningham  
went up to the funeral near  
to London, going one day &  
returning the next, in very  
trying weather, but notwithstand-  
ing the hurry & excitement  
I am thankful to say he kept  
quite well; - indeed he has  
been unusually well the  
last few months - we have  
had Charley with us since  
early in December & that has  
brightened him much, though  
the parting with him is now  
now beginning to cast its  
shadow over us, he is to  
return by the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst or 2<sup>nd</sup> of March

Steamer. I was thinking much  
of you & Miss Sumner lately;  
there was something shown  
to me that w<sup>d</sup> gratify have,  
interested you both, especially  
Miss Sumner, in her work among  
the soldiers - for some years  
past, some kind people have  
been in the habit, of sending  
every month, along with the  
"periodicals", letters to the soldiers  
in India, written by a lady  
who is confined to her Couch;  
and each letter has a flower  
or some device painted on  
the sheet of note paper. The  
letter is on the subjects the

flower suggests, and some of  
them were really beautiful;  
one was the Japanese Flower, &  
you may have an idea of  
the way in which it was applied  
most touchingly were the suffer-  
ings and love of Christ death  
upon - there there were a  
Water Lily - the Speedwell & the  
oak - with others all equally  
beautiful - they say the soldiers  
are charmed with them. The writer  
invites any soldiers to reply  
to him, if he likes, giving his  
address &c. I wish I had some of  
these "flower letters" to send you  
Miss Linn or yourself could do

Something of the kind quite  
well - Moral work seems  
behind in trying to do good;  
perhaps such efforts are more  
noticeable in a small place;  
here such <sup>things</sup> efforts seem lost  
in the great need there is  
for them, for all that is done  
is nothing compared to what  
is actually wanted - Our  
own new Shops are not  
yet completed; and our  
feeling about them is chiefly  
that of disappointments - all  
the nice little plans for  
the women's comfort overlooked

or forgotten and much more  
money spent where it need  
not have been - we hope to  
be settled there very soon  
now - We have had a long  
snow foot, an unusually trying  
winter, and very much  
sickness & fever notwithstand-  
ing, but I trust the worst  
is past - I hope your  
daughter Anna enjoyed  
her visit to Coranto & came  
back to you well & happy;  
I may see a nice bright  
spirit in a house, and you  
must have much happiness

in your children. Thank you  
for your enquiries about my  
friend - she has made but  
little way yet - seems very  
little better than when first  
laid up but her cheerful-  
ness & thankfulness are  
delightful, it always does  
me good to see her -

I hope you have all kept  
well this winter - yours is  
scarcely half over, while we  
today have quite a Spring day.  
Mr. Cunningham desires to be  
very kindly remembered to  
you & Dr. Newton, and with

My kindest love, believe me,  
My dear Mrs. Dawson,

Yours affectionately  
J. M. Cunningham

Distards

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