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My dear Mrs Dawson,

You will think I have quite forgotten you, but really I think of you, more than if I had been good, I written to you, for every mail day, accuses me of my delay; your last kind letter was begun at Province du Loup, which you seemed to be enjoying very much, amongst nice friends,

Who however do not inter-
fere with the remem-
brance of the old ones far
away - I have had several
letters from Miss Linn, but
have not heard from her
since November, & do not
know where to find her;
she once said, that there
was a probability of her
going to live, with the
Kings, for the winter; but
I know nothing of her at
present; she promised to
come to see us before her

return to Montreal, so I am
daily expecting to hear some-
thing of her: I should, ^{be} most
intensely disappointed not
to see her. She will have
enjoyed the mild green
winter in Devonshire, &
I hope she would remain there
instead of going to Nice,
for I am sure the lovely
country, there & its pretty
walks, are quite as en-
joyable as anything on
the Continent, to one of her
quiet tastes. I should like
her to see the Spring in England

I hear the birds. They have
been singing since the end of
January - we had one Thrush
near us, that awoke us every
morning, but its note is
silent now, some one must
killed it & we quite grieve
over it - I am sorry to say
that Mr. Cunningham has
been very ill for some time
this winter - he is better
now, but afraid of going out;
he creeps out occasionally
in the sun for half an hour;
we had Sunday & he two chickens

back from Halifax, unexpected-
edly in December, & they
remained till the end of
January, when they went
to Hull, where Capt. Hitchens
has an appointment, as Ad-
jutant of the volunteers;
we are very glad to have
them in England again,
but we think it is a pity
they left Halifax. The children
are delightful. They make
our quiet house very cheer-
ful & do "Grampa" much good.
I know the book you speak

of very work (Christ in the
Scriptures) I had ^{it} sent to
me, from a dear friend whom
I was in Montreal - Laphin
was a great friend of his
having succeeded his brother
as minister of a Scotch
Church in Greenwich - he
has written several books -
A book that I am sure you
would delight in, called,
the "Memorials of a quiet
Life" I read a little time ago,
with very great pleasure;
you would not agree with

her Church principles, but
with your large Christian
freedom of hearts w^d appre-
ciate her beautiful mind
& character. To my great de-
light Mr. Cunningham, ^{was} that
I liked it exceedingly -

I hope Georgina Campbell
has quite recovered from her
long illness; Emily always
speaks of her with great affec-
tion & respect. I fancy
they are all (the Miss Campbells,
I mean) very good and
valuable companions; I was
much pleased with the eldest

When she was here - I ~~thought~~^{thought}
that your son George has
stood his "roughing it"
well - it seems a strange
life for one so delicate as
he was, but it may tend
to make him stronger still
I wish I could send you
a letter worth reading
all I can do is but to
send a few words to show
that you are still held in af-
fectionate remembrance
and with my dear love,
I remain my dear friend
Love yours J. H. Cunningham