

3 St Catherine's place
Grouse Edinburgh Nov 23/82

Dear sister

Walter Mercer
brother of Margaret
Mercer Dawson

I rather think you are in my
debt, but as the year is running out
and ere you get this will have entered
on its last month I give you the
benefit of the doubt & I also know how
much engaged you are and allow for that

I have had rather weak health
since last writing you in July, I went to
Pebbles for about 3 months in summer,
which has benefitted me very much,
but for two winters past I have been seized
with a sharp attack of Cld which has
necessitated my keeping the house after
it untill spring, I hope I may escape
this time as I have done so far as yet.

My Grandson has³ joined the Roy^l Medicine
society this winter, and made his first
speech there the other evening

My other two grandsons are still at
School the eldest Robert Mofman
is grown quite a youth, they are all well
and Mrs Primerose & Mrs Cleghorn
are in their usual, not altogether free
from Complaints, you would likely hear
of Sepies second grief in the death of her
eldest son John at Australia, it was
a heavy blow to her she was very fond of John.
of course you hear about Mr Bell & all there
He is very well at present better than
ever expected to see him again

There was some word of your
possibly coming over, but I suppose
it fell through, and by and by you
will be quite engaged as I see you
are to have the British Association,

next meeting ⁴ over with you that
will make quite a stir in Canada

I get to Christ place Church now
and then only, was there last Sabbath but
had been absent for five previous ones,
there are not many of the old friends left
now - Mrs Liddell altho so up in years is
very well, and Mr Wood too & he is up into
the seventys, I sat beside him on Sabbath,
our Pastor Mr Grant - is very energetic and
his preaching Lords day, Morry draws Crowds
to hear him, Mr Anderson our other pastor
does not do much, sometimes presiding
he never preaches now - The
Church numbers about 600 as at Mayfest
when the names are all taken down a fresh
and residences, and printed in a small
book - but I must be concluding
this long epistle and hope it does not
tax your patience, and so now I
subscribe myself yr affectionate
PS Kind regards to all } Walter Miller