

Mr. Will
his address
in some time

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Dear Mr. Dawson.

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I received your welcome

letter when I was on a visit
to Mr. Paddy's family & so it was
doubly interesting particularly as
it brought the first news of dear
Maggie's conversion. What joy to
her parents - we had previously
heard of Herbert. You have indeed
had a time of blessing at Munay
Bay - praise the Lord for it all!
It is very striking how the children
of God's people are being led to the
Saviour just now - I am hearing
of it on all sides and the saints
are being called out from Human
Systems to the name of Christ in
great numbers & under great
persecution. The opposition to
separations truth is much more
strongly manifested in Ireland

and Scotland than other countries.
It is not only the Ministers of the
various sects but the upper classes
who use all their influence to stop
the spread of the Truth of the Church
of God & yet there are few parts
of Ireland where there is not a
testimony, though in weakness, of
2 or 3 or 4 gathered to Christ.

You will doubtless have heard
from Doctor Maddy that I have
been led to see the Truth of one
Body & one Spirit & have taken
my place with those of my Brethren
who are on that ground. I now see
that the great mistake I made was
confounding unity of Christians
with unity of the Spirit and also
a desire to find something in
Brethren which would draw me
towards them, but this I should
never have been drawn by as
they, like other Saints, are full of
failure & I am no where asked to
have faith in Saints. but in God.

The School into which the Lord led
me to learn these truths was not one
where I was surrounded by much
power of love & persuasion in
the person of any of the Saints: but
without one to speak to, but W & B
& much that was displeasing & trying
to both of us in the attitude of my
family & the opposition offered to
all my good work. - Here I was
thrown very much alone with the
Lord - no one to argue with but Him
& so I had less to say - for two months
we sat alone, ^{Jer xxv. 16-17} each Lord's day & here
the Lord showed us each for our-
selves where he would have us.
Truly he has been very patient &
forbearing with me. I cannot tell
you what liberty I have ^{been} brought
into by this step & I have seen much
that before was hid from me &
which I am satisfied is only
revealed in answer to the steps
of faith. -

You remember how I used to
glory in being a Christian un-attached
(an expression rather military
than scriptural); I now see that
I cannot act the part of a unit,
in subjection to the mind of Christ-
and while it is true that by act-
of mine can alter the fact of
Christians being all baptized by
one Spirit into one Body,
yet am I responsible to endeavour
to keep the unity of the Spirit in
the bond of peace: as far as in
me lieth. - Having accepted
this as a clear & solemn expressly
I must not be hindered from
taking the ground, by the
want of love & failures which
I see in those of my Brethren
who are endeavouring to
walk thus. I know from
sad experience how natural

it is to adopt a path of our own
which appears to us more likely to
meet what the Saviour expressed as
the desire of his heart - than
attempting the principle of keeping
the unity of the Spirit - But
simplicity & faith bows to God's
plan not improved by any thing
of ours & where we have been
brieved by the want of love in
those occupying this ground
let us cast ourselves on the Lord
deeply humbled on our own
account & theirs looking to him
to make us "truthful in love"
(Sp. 11. 11.). Have you read a
tract of Patterson's "One Body
& one Spirit" & its sequel "The
Unity of the Spirit" - He is a
very dear & lovingly large hearted
brother & any one who knows
him is struck with the unfairness
of the term "Exclusive" as applied

I am in to the Truth which he
holds. He, like all the more
enlightened Brethren here,
avoids controversy as much as
possible and while Dublin
is the scene of much division
owing to the existence of
Merrion Hall (where all
denominations break bread),
and another latter also. -
There is I am thankful to say
less bitterness & there elsewhere
and numbers are coming out
every week acknowledging
their responsibility to endeavour
to keep the unity of the Spirit: -
We have a nice gathering here
(Black rock - 4 miles from Dublin)
about 50 - in Dublin there are two
one about 200 & the other, offshoot,
about 40 - with a very nice spirit

manifested in all.

Mrs Barton leaves for London
tomorrow with the children & her
brother, & I expect to go for another
very happy visit to Miss Fleming
& one which I trust may be accompanied
with much blessing. There is a door
open there & many people have
been awakened by Truth who
have not yet found peace. The
whole family are most whole-
hearted for Christ - & will I feel be
upheld in their desire to be a
witness for it in that dark spot -
where their lot has been cast. -
I cannot tell you how I enjoyed
my visit there. With kindest regards
in much love to you & yours &
hope to hear from you again
very soon. I heard from Cuba
last week, there is I fear much
trife there - one pamphlet I got

against the Brethren is so full
of angry words & names that
it made our pite dad to read it.

Cap^l Brown & W^m Micklejohn
having taken their place seems
I have stored up much anger.

Give much love from us to
Dear Doctor Naddy & his family

Mr Barnes - Taylor - W. Hooke.

Lord Adelbert - Cecil - Browne.

Doctor Wans and our other

dear Brethren whom we love

in the Lord.

We are staying with Mr & Mrs Barton.

Sister, Mr Leslie - Shepherd,

Husband are very whole-hearted
ones.

Affectionately yours in the
Lord.

J. Barton