

Worcester 7th June
Cunningham

My dear Lady Dawson

I must confess with
much shame & regret my
very long neglect of you;
for a long time after
I received your very kind
letter, I felt unable to write;
and then I took it with
me to Bayton, where I was
three weeks, and there I felt
most disinclined to do
anything; and now I have
begun tonight in the hope of

answering it, before my sisters
come tomorrow. I do indeed thank
you for all your warm sympathies
& loving words, for I feel how
real they are. No one knows
the loneliness, except those who
have to bear it, and however
kind sympathy one is, I am never
free from the sense of it.

I have seldom been alone & yet
I feel as if I were always waiting
for some one - and now that
all is past, I forget the last
trial time, and go back to the
bright days long ago. I hope that
I may find some work to do
that I can do. at present I have
nothing, for I have not been well
enough to undertake much.

Mrs Hitchins is come to live near
me - she has made a great sacri-
fice in doing so, for she had to
many good friends in Graces-
field who will miss her much,
but she is a comfort to me -
Daisy is with her Mother and is
better with her than with me -
I see them every day - and that
is a comfort - I was very sorry
not to see you while you were
near, as I know you were expected
but I did not know where you
were - in fact I was going to
write to you, when I heard you
were on your way here; I wished
to write & thank you for
thinking so kindly of me in
my trouble - it was most touching

to me to know that you & Miss Linn
thought of me & mine. She is in-
deed a good servant of God,
always ready to help -

I went to Buxton with a
pierce for my rheumatism &
at present, I am worse than
when I went; but I hope that is
only the natural result & that
I may be better soon; I am well
but very stiff & full of pain when
I move. Will you kindly thank
Lie William & Coa for their kind
sympathy, and with my love
& many thanks to yourself
believe me always my dear friend

Yours very affectly

Francis M. Cunningham