

Haldane

Loanhead Dec 9th 1858

My dear Uncle

I am thinking very long for a letter, from you, it is a long time now since I received one from you, and I have been puzzling myself to find out the reason sometimes I think perhaps you are unwell or some of your friends, but I hope this is not the case surely it cannot be my dear Uncle, that you are disappointed or hurt that I have given you so little information, upon a subject that you was so deeply interested in. I am very sorry indeed, that I have been able, to glean so little regarding it. I wrote a good while ago to an old man, a distant relative of yours and my (mother's) asking him to tell me all he knew regarding the

Dawson Family, it was a long time
before I received any reply, as he it seems
was unable to write from loss of sight
but his Daughter, wrote me after a while
by her Mothers request, I have the letter now
before ^{me} but there is little to be gathered
from it, but I will give you his own
words, he says, "James Dawson Clotson
of Cairnie was your Grandfather, his
wifes name was Gordon, one of ^{the} Gordons
of Tulichalm, your Grandfather died and I
left two sons, James, and John, his widow
married again, and lived in Aberdeen, and
died there, her two sons had her interred
at Ruthren, he cannot tell me anything
about your ^{great} Grandfather or Mother as they
were dead before he was born, but he
has heard them spoken about, and
thinks they went to the Chapel, thus
is a point that all seems to be agreed on

what was their Religion, this is all the information, that I have been able, to glean as yet respecting them, and certainly it is very scanty. I mentioned to you about a small Book, that I was sending you, unfortunately, it is out print, I have tried in vain to procure it.

But I intend, God willing, to visit Aberdeen about the New Year, and I will get our own own copy there. I may be deceived but I think there's mention made of the Gordons in it, at least you will find it a very entertaining Book.

I expected to ^{have} had a great many nice letters from you all this time about the Revival, that is still continuing amongst you, truly you may say, the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad, we also I rejoice, to say, are beginning to

~~say~~ I perceive some tokens of the
Lord's work here, I trust it is the first
drop before a copious shower, I believe
in many of the large towns, in Scotland
there is an awakening, at present, and
even in our own place there is a spirit
of enquiry among the people, in Dublin
there is a Union prayer Meeting in
the town. Hall ^{every} ~~which~~ ^{is} always full
~~besides~~ ~~other~~ the object of this Meeting
is solely for a Revival of Religion,
it belongs to no party in particular
but all join in harmony with one
accord, O may the Holy Spirit descend
upon this place, in answer to the
prayers, that are now being offered,
up, for his presence. I trust that before
I write you again, I shall have good
news glad tidings to tell you that
the ^{promised} Shower has descended, copiously.

and watered, and refreshed, our waste
and parched places, there are many of
our Nobility, and Gentry, as you are no
doubt aware, who have turned their
attention, to preaching, and exhortation
among the foremost, of these, I may
mention, Mr North Esq he is indeed a
miracle of Grace, he used to have the
Shooting here, at Plumby Lodge, and may
remember the once daring, blasphemous
and sabbath breaker, now an earnest,
preacher of the Gospel, Oh! I wish you
could hear him, every word, he utters,
seems as if coming, from his inmost
soul, every warning as if engraven with
a pen of fire, it is only four years since
his conversion, but he is nobly redeem-
ing his lost time, now and I am
sure he is calculated, to do much
good for so long so fit to arouse men,

careless sinners, as one who is, as a
brand plucked from the burnings
I am almost tempted, to send you a
Banff paper, with an account of his
conversion, although it is somewhat
old and tattered.

We had some papers from you
lately for which we thank you
but mind I am getting jealous of
you, and my Brother, I do not want
him to monopolise, all my cor-
respondence, I know it is very selfish
of me but I cannot afford, to part
with such a valued correspondent
so easily, so when I asked you to
write him, it was not ^{to} my exclusion
Remember, I hope you are keeping
well this Fall. it is rather an un-
healthy time for elderly people
my Father, and Mother, have both

been rather unwell for some time
indeed I was afraid yesterday my
mother, was dangerously ill but today
she is a good deal better, and I am
in hopes she will soon get better
Influenza (their complaint) is very
prevalent here just now, and it is
often very severe upon old people.

before going farther I must apologise
for my bad pen it will scarcely write
at all, and I suppose you will find, as
great a difficulty in reading it when
it is written, and I must say goodbye
for my time is done, & Remember what
I told you, and I shall be expecting a
letter, a long one too, every day till I get it
We all join in our kind love to you
all especially to yourself by dear Uncle,
and hoping to hear from you soon

I remain your affectionate Son
Lambertson

Note the Col 30 to 45 W
and summer had 90 to 100

Letter
Miss Morrison
5 Dec 1858