

Please excuse a blunder I have
written this so hurriedly, that
I did not perceive my mistake

I, Am

Yours affectionately
11th March
John Thompson

CH 360

Loanhead.

10th March 1860

My dear Uncle

I am sure it looks very ungrateful for your kindness to be so long in answering your last kind letter and thanking you for my book but when I tell you the cause of my silence I am sure you will excuse me, at the time your letter came I was suffering from Rheumatism to such a degree that it was with very great pain that I could move my limbs I could not sit so long in one posture as I could have written six lines, but I am quite well now thanks be to God for his goodness.

I sent your letter and Pamphlet to my Cousin W^o George Hepburn and I intended to have written as soon as he acknowledged them

but my Father was seized with a
severe cold which soon settled upon
his lungs causing inflammation
he has been very ill but he is now
recovering although he is still very
weak. How little do we value health
when we have it; it is only when
we are deprived of it that we begin to
prize it as we ought; you have now
got my reasons for not writing and
I am sure that to one of your under-
standing I need say nothing more
than that my hands have been
quite full.

With regard to the Book you so
kindly sent me I am ashamed
say that I cannot yet give you
an opinion of it but from what
I have read I know that it is
a great Book but I must frankly
confess to you my dear Uncle that
there is some things in it that I
do not altogether understand

never having as you know received
a ~~classical~~ classical education
but I know it is very interesting
if I had once leisure to peruse
it thoroughly in the meantime
however our Quater was calling
on us a few days ago and he
carried it away in his pocket to
read, by the way however I have
almost forgot to tell you that
my Cousin Mr. Hepburn will do me
to present his compliments &
thanks to you for the kind
christian letter you sent his mo-
ther and he would fain hope
it has done her good
he says she is just about her
usual way only getting weaker
she is not so fretful as she was
I am sure Poor creature this Winter
has been very hard upon her
it has been the severest Winter
that I ever remember to have
seen I hear old People say that