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My dear Miss Bruce,

Altho' I do not know
you personally I have been taught to
love you, and at the request of my dear
Mr. Blyth I avail myself the pleasure
of answering your last kind letter, which
expressed so much the good feelings of
your heart, and sincere wishes for our
welfare and happiness. We felt highly gratified
with the thought that altho' separated from
us, yet are you present with us in spirit.
The freedom and frankness of your style
has inspired me with similar feelings

so that I will not offer you any apology
in thus addressing you while at the same
time it has made me feel more than ever
a strong desire to see you. I feel there is
something sweet and soothing in the enjoyment
of pure and disinterested friendship, but
still sweeter in the love and sympathy of
kindred spirits bound together for the
"truth's sake" as one of our hymns beautifully
expresses it —

"Among such society as this

"My weary soul would rest

"The man that dwells where Jesus is

"Much he for ever blest"

so that while we, my dear Miss Dureau are
separated by distance it is still delightful
to think that we can participate in each
others joys and mingle our prayers and
desires at the same throne of grace
that we have the same foundation of hope

that we are influenced by the same desires
"The Son of God" and "the desire to be found
approved of him when he cometh to make
up his jewels" we feel your kindness in sympathizing
with us in our view of Christian communion
truly it is a bereavement and we feel many
disadvantages resulting from it. But what shall
we say "The Lord is sufficient; He can make
his strength perfect in our weakness, and
He has promised that "as our day so shall
our strength be." But while we have to
lament the means to improve our spiritual
condition we have still great cause for
thankfulness for the many temporal blessings
and comforts we enjoy and can experimentally
say in this respect that "no good thing shall
be withholden from us." I am happy to inform
you that I settle tolerably well in London
and like it much better than I anticipated
altho from the description given by Mr. Blyth

of Edinburgh I think I should like it better
particularly as it possesses three means of
edification which we so much long for
Our society here is composed of but very
few friends and the face of a dear brother
or sister would tend much to cheer our hearts
could we but prevail upon ~~my~~ my sister
to pay us a visit and enjoy the content
of our little home All those happy we should
feel, do send us word in ~~your~~ ~~the~~ if we
may indulge the hope of seeing you in London
etc many months are past. Mr. Blythe
writes with me in kind love to you and
Mr and Mrs. Power and believe me

My dear Miss Power,
Yours very sincerely,

John Blythe