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My dear sister I add a few words, just to say that I must have done to the Church as you desired in your letter of 26th to see that they in return regard me to carry their Christian salutation to you and all especially of this sympathy with you in the circumstances of affliction & trial in which you are. Pottery of Edinburgh 8th November 1850

Now am I to address you upon the subject of our dear departed father and mother, what a charge a few words have produced the change & indeed great to you also, but more in prospect here it is a daily reality, a sun does, no one to be noticed in, no one to exert your self to go and inquire for, father's death was so totally unexpected that we had barely got over the shock when poor mother turned ill, she had never been left alone from the time of father's death, a few days after his funeral she came out and spent a fortnight with us, then she went to Glasgow for a few weeks, then to postobello and spent some weeks with Mrs

The journey is little changed in the State of the

Health - the latter is failing gradually - she is now

very weak in mind - One of her daughters is

in a fairer with her, the other is wanted and re-

turned to a doctor - Mr James Todd is again

recovered to a little - a lady named Mrs. S. is

gone to the West - Mrs. S. is at home

in our own and was baptised with her

at home - Mrs. S. is at home in her

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Belgium, then, to Musselburgh, and had just returned home on the Saturday with Mr. James and family along with her, when she was taken ill on the following Saturday night, and on the next day died in bed. About the middle of the week Margaret you will naturally be anxious to know of Mother, but any thing about you, she did not tell. I cannot say that she has about any of us, the weakness and respect we consequent upon support an dress accounts to me in a great measure for her say nothing about her departure, than you would have expected a person of her active mind to have done. I received a letter from you dated 20th September with one from Mr. Bell also one for Mr. Bell dated Oct 6. You say nothing of the power or yet of your dear little boy I do most sincerely pray you being so much left alone as you are now. We are all well at present, but I am particularly

frail myself I expect to be confined next month, and I must confess that under altered circumstances I am not without some fears as to the result, but if in God's providence I am spared, I wish you would think seriously of spending next summer with us as long as there are so many of us together as there are.

I dare say this will be a strange letter when read over but I have had greater difficulty in commanding my feelings than I even expected, I have left it to the last moment as usual so that there is now no time for improvement.

I might have given you more particulars about what is doing and what we have laid aside for you but Mrs. Pinnerose took in hand to do this, she is to send up a letter to be enclosed in this. We have got a nice mourning broach for you with Mother's hair in it, unfortunately we did not think of cutting out any of Father's till it was too late. Have you any particular wish to have

Says Portia, I must not encroach upon the other side for making this too heavy, ever yours sincerely Jane Bell

Wray has been kind to send me some of her letters by