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My Dear Sister /

Having heard of a private opportunity for
conveying a letter I embrace it to send a line

or two to enquire after your welfare - Mr Bell
informs me that I am in your debt in this
way which I was not aware of, and I rather

think that one of my letters must have miscarried

I am happy to hear of your welfare & that

of your family from time to time by Mr Bell

and others, which I hope still continues - I am

happy to see that Mr Dawson seems to be entirely
devoted to pursuits more kindred to his views than

shopkeeping - I have read with interest his Papers

on Geology & Geology which I am very fond of

and also the papers on Education in the small

Periodical which he has sent me - A reference

to the latter appeared in our Paper of Wednesday.

Although isolated I hope you are comfortable -

Happiness is not confined to place or circumstances & I
have no doubt all your disadvantages as to locality will
be made up by other sources of enjoyment - Although
we may be deprived of Christian intercourse, yet
we have the treasure of God's word always at hand
which is suited to comfort, instruct & edify in whatever
situation we may be placed - We should therefore
ever resort to it for guidance & direction, making it
the main of our counsel and the guide of our life
that thus we may be led in those ways that are pleasing
in the sight of God & preserved from the paths in
which destroyers go -

Our Church has not been making much progress -
we have occasional additions, which however scarcely
seem to fill up the blanks occasioned by deaths
- the last we had last week was one of the
daughters of Mrs. Johnston who keeps the Meeting
House - I herewith send you a copy of
each of several tracts which I have lately printed
- the last viz, the abridgement of the Confession
is not yet completed - There was a great demand
for No 1 but a great many were circulated gradually

I also enclose a Report of a Society formed among
us last year for aiding the education of Native
females in British India - I will be glad
if you can do anything in your power to help
us - My family at home are all well - I
myself have been in very indifferent health for
more than twelve months but am now greatly
recovered -

I write this in the bustle of
of the office preparing for our publications
have been more than a dozen of notes in-
repeated since I commenced this - My wife
& daughter join in affectionate remembrance
to you and Mr Dawson & I remain
My Dear Sister, your sincerely
Robt Innes

P.S. We are at present preparing a Circular letter
from the Church to our Brethren at a distance a
copy of which you will get which will supply
the deficiencies of this hurried communication R.I

P.S. I have to send this paper to
London or I would have made up
a parcel of the different tracts for you

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The
Dentist

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