

Mansion House Road  
Grange, Edin<sup>g</sup> April 26/52

Dear Margaret

I have been long  
in writing to you and now  
have got a very mournful  
occasion - to Commune  
to you the loss of our dear boy  
George he died last night  
at 9 o'clock and has gone  
we trust from an earthly  
to a Heavenly Home to that  
Father

who said "Suffer the little  
children to come unto  
me and forbid them not  
for of such is the Kingdom  
of Heaven" This is to us  
a great consolation in the  
midst of our distress and I  
doubt not you have felt it  
so in your own case - ~~to~~  
from the numbers who  
die in infancy it would  
appear to be a part of God's  
plan in the economy of  
redemption to people his



Heavenly Mansions in great part with ransomed Children and Rev. XIV 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> is thought to refer to them where one Hundred forty four thousand are represented as following the Lamb whither soever he goeth there it is said are Virgins being Redeemed from Among Men the first fruits unto God said to the Lamb

we have still remaining to us the youngest & eldest Melan and Eunice the extreme links of our broken chain, the others are not lost they are with them

Heavenly <sup>ly</sup> Father so that we  
might yet count them dead may  
we still be four - after  
that pretty legend of Wordsworth  
where the Child playing at his  
mother's door on being asked  
how many Brothers & Sisters he had  
said seven & on being called  
to name them could only number  
six yet persisted in saying six  
we are seven six at home  
and one in Church yard loop  
we sit beside his grave  
while his spirit's gone above  
I still <sup>He said</sup> "we are seven"  
you



You have also had your  
 share of distress in your  
 married state and find with  
 me that this is but a chequered  
 scene joy & sorrow, alternate  
 leading us to look towards  
 that better state which is  
 unchangeable and eternal

We were glad to hear  
 of Mr Dawson's recovery we  
 sympathized much with you  
 & felt much anxiety from  
 time to time as we heard  
 through Mr Bell either good  
 or

or less favourable accounts  
until we learned of his being  
ultimately convalescent & our  
trust perfectly restored to health.

I receive the journal of  
Education from time to time  
from him I see he is quite a  
Professor in that valuable  
science the plans advocated  
seem very good and I think  
it is provided that the  
Children are not fixed too  
long to their hard seats  
J



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Think this is a great error  
in our schools, young creatures  
are crowded together too  
long at a time in close rooms,  
and their health injured  
sometimes irreparably

I cannot give you any  
local news at this time  
I must try and see a better  
Correspondent - I use to  
wonder at my Father's re-  
luctance to better writing  
but I really think that in  
that respect his Mantle  
has

fallen upon me for I never  
felt such reluctance to sit  
down to write as I have  
done since his death.  
Adieu then and believe  
me ever your affectionate

Walter Stewart

