

Jemie redeemed!  
Religious letter  
well written

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My dear Aunt,

I dare say you will be thinking it is time I were answering your letter, but it is only now that I have got a little leisure to do so since I received it.

I would first express my pleasure that George has in some measure improved, & trust he has been still more benefited by his sojourn at Lacoma, & that the rest are enjoying good health, which I rejoice to say is our shared portion at present.

All friends at Dalkeith & Musselburgh are also well, Jessie Reid has lately had a son, her little girl is now quite engaging.

Before entering upon the contents of your letter I would say, that very soon after writing you, God

by His grace & love constrained  
me to come out from that with  
which I had been connected for  
so many years & which the flesh  
was so unwilling to do, but His  
grace I found to be sufficient for  
me & His strength was made perfect  
in my weakness. I have now been  
for some months in full fellow-  
ship with a company of Christians  
out of every denomination who seeing  
the complete ruin of the church,  
are meeting simply in the name  
of Jesus for the breaking of bread  
& worship, until He come to  
take us into Himself; & truly it  
has been an immense blessing  
to my soul, & not to me only,  
for other three of my sisters have  
been converted under the preaching  
of the Gospel at the Hall, having  
but one now to bring in, & I trust  
she may not long be behind,  
the Lord does indeed love to hear

I answer prayer, for the honour  
& glory of His own Son, the fact  
that have been converted since  
this time last year had been  
special answers to prayer.  
As regards the principal parts  
of your letter, namely, your  
position spiritually I was very  
much astonished & vexed to hear  
of, as I always supposed you  
still unit, & would ever continue  
to meet, with the gathering of  
which Mr. Baynes joins one,  
for the truth of God's sake, for  
I am more & more convinced by  
the study of scripture that  
the truths held & maintained  
there are thoroughly scriptural,  
& I sincerely think if you enquire  
a little more closely into it  
that you will find it is not  
Mr. Baynes, that links that  
company together, but the  
precious truths brought out

as fully in the Ephesian Epistle  
which is to be found in  
many of the others; the one  
body & that they are endeavouring  
to keep that unity, or one mind  
which Christ by the Holy Spirit  
formed on the day of Pentecost,  
& were they deprived of Mr. Baynes  
they would still go on united  
as they are to Christ & one another  
by the Holy Spirit who is in their  
midst, & leading out their hearts  
in true worship to God; this  
truth, as also the Lord's coming,  
& entire separation from every  
thing in the world that does not  
lead to the glory of Christ, are, in  
these latter days by God's grace  
greatly reviving amongst Christians  
all over the world, & I sincerely  
think that your holding fast  
practically to these truths would  
tend much to the conversion of yr  
family, & to drawing down the

Divine Blessing upon all, that  
are going with your husband,  
my dear Mother, I would con-  
sider you sacrificed principle,  
besides there is in all denomina-  
tions a great impurity upon the  
world, & when that is, there  
cannot be true worship, for  
it is impossible for one not  
converted to worship, the  
Assembly in Montreal we con-  
sider as one with us here & like-  
wise throughout various parts  
in Scotland, England, Ireland  
Channel Islands, India etc. but  
perhaps you will think I have  
said too much considering my  
age, if so, I crave your pardon  
as it is from the deep interest  
I have always felt & continue  
to feel in your family since  
my praying amongst you & also  
my desire for the glory of Christ.

Christina & Louisa also form  
two in the gathering, Maria &  
papa have also been attending  
regularly on the lectures on  
Wednesday evening & Preaching  
Fad's day evening & I believe  
with much profit, main I had  
been thinking writing you to tell  
you all about it but as I am  
doing so that will suffice.  
As to any thoughts of mine of re-  
visiting Canada, I may say when  
God by His grace drew me forth  
from Egypt, He so filled me  
with a sense of His love that  
every thing I so valued in this  
world seemed as nothing compared  
with the excellency of the knowledge  
of Christ Jesus my Lord, & now  
that the family with one excep-  
tion are Christians I have no desire  
to leave them, but would rather  
if it be the Lord's will that we  
all tarry till He come be here.

As to any of my sisters coming out  
I think it rather improbable  
as mama seems anxious to retain  
us all at home now if possible,  
& there is the prospect if we are  
all spared of Margaret's soon  
taking up house in spring &  
sometimes these things lead to  
others: nevertheless it was exceed-  
-ingly kind of you to make this  
offer you did for which accept  
my gratitude & thanks.

Pam sends her love & says she  
is longing to hear from you.

Ellen is continuing to follow out  
her painting at the Institution, &  
also her study of German.

Mama & prof. send love to Uncle  
& self, with fondest love to you  
Uncle & all my cousins,

I remain  
your very affect. niece  
Jessie Bell.

James Hewitt

I have just had to give my letter  
to you that the copy has just arrived  
of the new account with the articles put down  
knows not who you intend them for  
I am being and after account keeping it  
Receipt every thanks for this letter  
of your friendly service  
J. H. H.