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Grange
Edinburgh 20 July 1876

Mrs Dawson

Dear Sister

I think I have first to acknowledge
receipt of your two letters of July & Aug last.
I had been thinking of you for a reply
to your kind notes, but did not presece
this lownful occasion of writing,
for our beloved Annie's long illness
has now terminated in her departure,
we shall see her no more here, she
died yesterday Sabbath morning at 5 o'cl
she had latterly a good deal of suffering
but all was patience and peace,
at the beginning of her illness which
took an alarming form in hemorrhage,
her mind aroused about her state

was rather clouded and cast down,
for she had allowed the world to draw
away her mind and deaden all ~~her~~
the faith of her youth, and it was not
easy for her at once to realise the free
grace of God her Saviour to his turning
repenting Children; but by obeying
her affliction was quite blessed to
restore her soul, and she said
I sometimes thought that it would
require some great affliction to bring
me back, and the Lord has done it.
and she never during the remaining
months of her trouble wavered in
the least, but kept in a happy
state of quiet calm assurance

to the end, she had a number of hymns
in her memory which cheered her very
much in her days, nights of languishing
the chief were these beginning thus

Just as I am without one plea

I heard the voice of Jesus say

My God & Father while I stray

Jesus lover of my soul

I'm but a stranger here

these she repeated often aloud & oft times
sweetly sung, while she was able, it
was very affecting, & when it came that
she could do neither, we whispered her
favorite verses in her ear

Young Converts, should beware of
leaving their first love but I fear

it is often done too much, (I don't myself

Her Husband of Course is deeply grieved
she was a good wife to him - and the
two dear children they cannot now know
their loss they are in good health and
have been happily all the time of
their Mothers sickness

Mr. Mercer bears up very well but
her health has got a severe Strain
and I must take her to the Country
at once - I am thankful
to say that I am also myself
enjoying tolerable health

but I must conclude wishing kind
regards to Mr. & Mrs. & the family
in which Mr. Mercer I may say joins
but she is not at hand at the moment
that every blessing may attend you & yours
I remain your aff. W. Atterclere