

Waverley 14<sup>th</sup> Decr / 81 -  
J. M. Cunningham

My dear Mrs Dawson

You, in your "Summer  
retreat" and I, in our winter's  
gloom, think upon each  
other - I thank you much  
for your nice long letter  
from Little Metis - it is very  
kind of you to give up  
a little time to me when  
you are away for rest, &  
are surrounded by so many,  
all wanting your loving  
attention - your letters are al.

ways a treat - so helpful and  
uplifting making me long  
for a friend at hand like  
yourself - I have few here like  
minded, and those who are  
so, seldom speak to me of  
what is, I know, first in their  
minds - I am glad you liked  
Miss Haug's "life" - I had read  
it & enjoyed it much - more  
almost than any "life" - all  
seems with her so natural  
and simple, and full of  
joy, she seemed more to have  
a mission - her little books  
& sweet songs will ever hold  
their place amongst ours

Christian literature - our little  
ones too will long treasure her  
"Little Pillows" - "Morning Bells" -  
& "Morning Stars" - it used to be  
very sweet to hear our little  
Daisy read her morning portions,  
with every right intonation  
in her soft voice - I only trust  
the meaning of all may come  
into her dear little heart - we  
are expecting her with her Mother  
& brothers next week for the  
Summer time, which is a busy  
noisy time for us too quiet  
people, but it is pleasant to  
have our monotony thus broken;  
and I am thankful to say that  
Mr Cunningham is much like



Now shall he was this time last  
year, so that he will enjoy  
having the children. You too  
have your grand children near  
enough to have the pleasure  
of them. Though you have only  
one "home pet" - I am always  
interested to hear of your  
oldest son - a strong man. lead-  
ing an active exposed life -  
Remembering him as I do - a sad,  
invalid - he must rejoice your  
heart - I have been reading  
about where he is working  
in Miss Bird's life in the Rocky  
Mountains - a wonderfully beau-  
tiful country in some parts,  
with its glorious atmospheric effects.  
She was a wonderful woman to go

through all that she did alone;  
her book on Japan is also most  
interesting. I hope that D<sup>r</sup> Parson  
is nearly through his extra  
work of classifying the new  
& valuable collections left  
by Mr. P. Medpath. what a  
happy thing to be able to leave  
such a parting gift and mem-  
orial as a Museum with  
such a collection! Mrs. Farnish  
would perhaps tell you, that  
I had a peep at her just the  
day before she left - and I was  
pleased to see her so little changed  
after all the trouble & sickness  
she has passed through, in the  
ten years since I last saw her;

I have not heard from her since  
she reached her home -

I am ashamed to send you  
such a poor letter, but I did  
not like to send my Susan's  
wishes, without a word,  
though I have so little here  
to interest you. Mr. Cunningham  
desires his kindest regards  
and with my very kind  
love

believe me my dear friend  
yours very affectionately

A. M. Cunningham

Our kind remembrances  
to Dr. Dawson -