

Twine Barclay
Turritt

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My very dear friend

It seems a very long time since we have had any communication. I am quite sure the blame lies with me that your last long kind letter, which was so much enjoyed at the time has never been answered, though in my head many have been written. We as a family are so scattered & have always kept up such a constant correspondence with each other friends are too often put off to a more convenient time which as in higher things often means never. Before going further I must thank you warmly for your kind friend's remembrance

which we appreciated greatly, it
is good to be so gratefully, I do
think to Montreal, we think
the fictions are better than in
any of the Philadelphia members of
Magazines in this country
I find it on to Missie's book &
the fictions are now advancing
the walls of the bright day
at Keelaw much to the delight
of the happy little folks, who are
living in such a bright at times
- share of love & happiness in their
country great. My husband & I
have just returned from a most
delightful visit of a month
there; you would be pleased
to see that happy home which is
as near a picture of the home
above, as can be found in this
world, peace, love & happiness
reign supreme Missie's book

a devoted wise loving wife &
mother; both she & her husband
have strong wills, but it is just
beautiful to see how they see-
-sunder to one another & how their
tastes blend together in almost
every thing. She has a full, busy
life with her large house &
four little ones, but she & they
are so strong & well added to
which excellent servants and
abundant means makes her
fall in life an easy one; her
head & heart is a perfect treasure.
But all this prosperity seems only
to show her grace God gives
her grace sympathizing with those
in life less fortunate; there is a
misery even not far from them,
full of misery & sin, she visits
a great deal among the low
degraded women, & has a

Meeting on Sabbath for them, which
is so well attended between thirty
& forty; many of them have
heard of a Saviour but from her
lips, & this makes her feel very
much interested over the mes-
-sage of Love & forgiveness.

When we were there she & her hus-
-band gave a most joyful
-feast, forty of them were asked
to a tea party at the house &
it would have done your
-heart good to see their enjoyment.
The large hall was decorated
with holly & other evergreens,
Chinese lanterns being from
side to side, the tables were de-
-corated with flowers & groaning
with good things; after the
-repast had been done full
-justice to me & moved into
the large kitchen & the vessel
-exhibited a great many fine

views from a large Magic
Lantern, Minnie explaining:
a friend had ^{Towie Barclay} been sent
there for the ^{Turriff} evening, she played
many Scotch songs, some duets
& he liked them joined with his
flute: after that we had hymns
in which all joined & I gave
them a short address "on the fruit
of true happiness" & I ended one
of the happiest of sermons. I
am sure the girls felt the power
beheld of entertaining those who
could not return it, & thus giving
the poor weary ones pleasure,
deepened her influence over
them in higher things. This is a
long account, but I thought
you would like a glimpse into
Minnie's married life & so far
you has been on. I feel so truly
thankful to God that her

fact. We have had a most won-
derful winter, so mild, the grass
is intensely green, covered with
crimson tipped daisies, I saw a
yellow loon in full bloom on
the hill a few days ago and
gathered a quantity of yellow,
crimson & white double Jim-
lowe from an open border they
are arranged beside me in leaf
blossoms, I look for sweet spring like
I wish you could get a share of
them. Our friends are all well
& I wish you could get a share of
them. I heard from both
sisters a few days ago; both are
feeling this remarkable very
small this winter; dear Miss
from to Miss Kerkman know
know as time passes, especially
since Edith's marriage, I think
definitely for Florida, but she
feels her many friends has

I sleep always bright & I think
enjoys more health to God
than she ever did before. Edith
is so fully happy in her married
life; Alice will tell you what a
nice man Mr. Benson is.
In the Autumn I was at a very
interesting conference on bookman's
work held in Aberdeen. I think
you would enjoy reading the
addresses so shall send you the
"Report" by this mail, I shall
make some of the ones we most
enjoyed. It was quite cheering
to see & hear so many practical
workers in our Master's vine -
- good, making one feel even the
cause was jeopardizing in the
world. Praising one up to
help in such a glorious cause
with all the joyous God has given

And never dear friend what
about you, your dear good
husband & all your family,
we are longing to hear of you all
I would be pleased to hear,
though conceive that I do not
deserve a letter. We have been
wondering about Rankin, is he
in this country, or what is he
doing? Where is Willie? What is
George about? Does he know
I heard of dear Eva through
Minnie about Christmas time.
We heard something of her Williams
accident but do not know
particulars; has it been forgiven?
we trust it has, but injured
his health. I am very well
this winter but dreadfully
deaf, no one but God can know

What a heavy cross it is to me for
contribution was always such a
pleasure, but there is a secret grief
in bearing it. His cross, Oh! I
feel so thankful that ~~no~~ heaven
does the translation come to feel
it is hard; I often when my eyes
fill on seeing others enjoying
what I can not bear a word of,
does the dear by heart of to
himself speak such sweet
comfort. But I am tired & feel
afraid you will be the same so
must close. I hope dear Annie
is not suffering so much as she
was with chilblains.

My husband is beside me &
wishes to join me in much
love & kindest wishes to you &
all your dear ones. M. Annie
Believe me dear
your loving friend Maggie Scott