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My dear Helen

We parted so suddenly to day that we were prevented from parting too solemnly which perhaps too much for either. Such a train of reflections is connected with these sad words no more. But tho' you went away your spirit seem'd to remain behind Miss Gordon who immediately succeeded. You brought the basket in which was the letter you so justly value speaking of your friend the Free Mason free of the pen Craft at least and a worthy member of the Intellectual Society. Her sound judicious mind seem'd to have caught a portion of your Enthusiasm and a very pretty feather that is when it happens to decorate a sound judicious head, I say nothing of the heart. Her self being never trouble with enthusiasm Miss Gordon is familiar with Mr Willers writings & know of Doctors Brewster high opinion both of his character and abilities the extent of his acquisitions the accuracy of his language & the purity even elegance of his style & above all the deep & solid piety that appears to be the settled habit of his mind & the protecting shield of his moral virtues render him not only very interesting but very independent of the world as possessing so much of what the world has not to give & cannot take away. Yet clinging to earth as all its children do, & looking forward to age and accidents who can help wishing that in more earthly matters we should some of the prosperity of Canningham. His gifted Brother of the Hammer & the quill who by <sup>his</sup> ~~the~~ continues to use both with equal diligence and success, & preserves a merely simplicity of manners that shews him satisfied with being & appearing exactly what he is was, your friend is already in possession of so many of the best gifts of nature that to covet for him these of fortune might seem superfluous. But your Older though wiser friend working under the shade of her abundant Blessings & beginning to feel the oppressor a burden is peculiar to that Providence which best her days of infirmity with ease & comparative affluence & from a long habit of thinking & feeling for others would soon wish that your other friends viewing Sam Mary's lot & as severely. I have only a spare moment to press that you would commend me to your younger friends & write whenever you get home were it but a few lines to yours with deep sympathy & sincere regard Anne Lysons

Mrs Grant of Laggan. 1834  
To Miss Dunbar. Mar. 9.

Concerning H.M.

Miss Dunbar