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My Dear Brother

I have to give you the intimation of our mother's departure to a better world on Sunday the 18^{th} currt. and beg you to com municate the same to Neil and any other relatives at your convenience [0002]She had been long confined to bed but an attack of Bronchitis took away most of her remaining strength. She lingered for more than two months in excessive weakness & recieved the unremitting attention of Janet & Agnes night & day - Janet desires me to say that she would have written you long ago but could not. Mother was calm & collected to the last [0003]When the changes came [71] near Agnes said to her "

> Jesus is coming for you. Can you lippen to him.

"She replied "'Yes.'" - gave her last look to Anna Mary & said "'bonnie well lassie'" &fell asleep. She is to be buried beside Father on 22 or 23^d

I was at Oxford at the time. Left her a week ago better and she continued [0004]so till the change came. A telegram called me away yesterday morning & by travelling express I arrived this morning - and thank Him who after sparing her 82 years has preserved her faithful to himself All the rest are well -No word of poor Robert - Give our love to all yours

Ever affectionately yours -

David Livingstone