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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 18th (currt.) and beg you to com - municate the same to Neil and any other relatives at your convenience

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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

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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