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My dear Sally

Previous to leaving Mr  
Campbell at Lemeston Plains  
last Thursday, I sent off a  
few hasty lines to inform you  
of my safe return from  
Maneroo. Though rather long  
it was a very pleasant journey,  
as the weather was beautiful,  
and the country pleasing in  
appearance, as well as all  
new to me. We went about sixty  
miles



miles beyond the boundary:  
I spent <sup>the day before that</sup> Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> there,  
and laid the foundation of a  
Church. I told you of my having  
seen the Dawson's: but was unable  
to reach their house. They seem  
all well in health: but both  
he and she are much altered  
and I fear their affairs are  
very bad. I will write tomorrow  
to Wm Baydell about the  
cattle and some other things.  
I am glad he has returned  
safe

account of you and of your  
whole party in your letter which  
I found on my arrival here.  
It is very strange that there  
has been so much rain and  
thunder with you and in  
other places, but we have  
quite escaped. We have been  
in the way of very little rain  
indeed: and it has always  
happened to come when we  
were not travelling. The storm  
at Garburn happened before  
our arrival. It was very violent.  
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having broken not only every  
pane of glass in the East window  
of the Church, but also smashed  
the lead. Mr Sawley's garden  
and some others are quite  
ruined. I shall be able soon  
to apply a little more money  
to the Holy Trinity Church, as  
I will let M. P. know when  
next writing to him. It will be  
better therefore that Mr Smith  
should not attempt to hold  
the service in it till it is a  
little better prepared: as I shall  
send

and him word through Mr  
James. The Books which I sent  
for on Emily's account last  
year have arrived by the  
Midlothian: among them are  
D'Uy and Mant's Bible:  
English Library; Ecclesiastical  
Needlework &c &c. I have had  
a very nice letter from Mr  
Seaver, in which he speaks  
most feelingly & becomingly  
of their recent loss. They had  
been passing a week at Seavith  
which



which he says has so restored  
Mrs. Lane that she does not  
desire to leave her own house  
again. My intention is, unless  
any thing occurs to prevent me,  
to be at home on the 27<sup>th</sup> of  
March: but I would not for  
the world have you think of  
leaving where you are while you  
can be of any use to my dear  
Hebe. I do not think of remaining  
very long: and shall be able  
while there to manage very well.  
With sincere love to yourself & all  
the party I am my dear Vally  
Your faithful & affectionate husband W. G. A.

safe. In my way to this place  
I left last Friday at Mrs.  
Francis Stephens' Cottage which  
is pretty situated. It is now  
rented by a Mr and Mrs  
Edenborough, who appear to be  
respectable persons: and were  
particularly civil and kind.  
Indeed I had had nothing to  
comfatable since leaving  
Captain Popier. This is a very  
poor place. Yesterday I had  
service twice and held a  
Confirmation



Conferment, attended by 16,  
in the small wooden Church.  
Among the congregation were  
Mr & Mrs Conn. Sam Dawson  
that was, I think. He also is  
very much faded. Mr Hood  
looks well; and is again  
very large. Whether they have  
4 or 5 children already I  
cannot exactly say. Presently  
I am going to Marulan, 12  
miles off to consecrate the  
Burial Ground. I was very  
thankful to hear so good an