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Brechin
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Rev Sir

Your esteemed letter came to hand on the 28th November. Notwithstanding our love of solitude the well known footstep of the post is alwise welcom especially when the communication is from one we dearly love. We can hardly think a year is gon since we parted with you so swiftly flies time but time with all it's changing events, and ever new obligations cannot extinguish the remembrance of you from our hearts.

I have often thought if there by any trait of the Christian character in me at all it is love for the people of God. We rejoice to hear of your implicit confience in the imperishable promises and amidst discouragements and difficulties before which human strength seems weakness, hope ever expanding it's wings forward to Gospel triumphs.

Have you got pleasant intelligence from I am glad your sister's health is so far improved there is nothing serious the matter with Mrs Scott I brush althoug delicate. I daresay in your rambling imagination you are often in Perthshire.

I am glad to hear you still cherish pleasant recollections of Brechin and its prosperity seems to have no small share in your loving sympathies.

Her Majesty has got another subject whose arrival has two gents in Brechin Great-Grandfathers, great honour was given to the young stranger being taken to City road Church in a carriage and pair where he received the name of David Kinness your conjecturings faculties will not be perplexed to know who I meen. I have not seen any of the Kennington folks for a long time till Sabbath afternoon.

I met Mrs ----- in Church Street she said they were all well except Miss ----- who has been rather poorly indegestion is the complaint then her Mother did not say but I hear she is very low spirited. I hope you have not been cruel.

Mr Fraser was married on Wednesday last week at Greenock his congregation and he are very happy now he is considered a very excellent preacher. Mr Cromar is with us still and we are all in our usual Father conducting worship at night and Mr C in the morning ever putting up a petition for the loved Missionary far away. I was to have given you in an eagth pages but an unfaresen event has occurd which oblided me to close. Jamie is to write you next may the guideing Guardian Grace whose you are and whome you serve compass you round as a shield.

Is the wish and prayer of your
true friend Christian Sheriff

You will understand
the enclosed

p.s. We are to send you a Brechin paper soon.
James D Sheriffs