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front he occasionally exhorts with good effect Duncan Stirling though often a sufferer physically seems to be mentally vigorous above our expectations he is frequently listened to with much attention

A Bro Wm Mackay cousin to the Mackays of your acquaintance came from Scotland about 6 years ago lives 9 miles from Inverness is a farmer and quite a superior preacher he used to walk from home on Sunday morning and speak for  $\frac{3}{4}$ th of an hour most ably

Bro Sinclair generally leads not always satisfactorily Fathers health holds out pretty well he is able to attend meeting pretty often and speaks frequently We had 16 additions to our Baptist Church the result of three weeks meetings held by two elderly maiden ladies one from England the other from Auld Scotias shore

This success with most people settles the question of their authority for the calling it is a strong argument in religion as well as politics

If the women were right the apostle must have been in error however the preaching was good and the converts genuine

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Peterboro July 11

Mr John Muir 1875

Dear Friend

Your reply to my last of May 4th was duly received and has afforded us great pleasure to resume correspondence with such a long tried friend Still I have shewn it very poorly in thus delaying my response I have been out of order for some time this Spring Lumbago was the trouble which allowed me to do anything else rather than sit down Besides when I think of writing you so many topics come up before my <sup>mind</sup> that I would need a winters seclusion in the old



Hollow <sup>with you</sup> to do them justice  
I would like to ask a good  
number of questions on science and  
scientific theories and have a  
mutual interchange of ideas on the  
varying attitude of these to the  
religion of the Bible. We might  
even tread over the ground on  
<sup>which</sup> we mentally fought and not be  
the losers. Nine years observa-  
tion and reflection on this life and  
the life to come ought certainly  
to result in calmer convictions  
and more charitable conclusions  
with this drawback I confess in  
<sup>my case</sup> less warmth and zeal.

I find myself doing what I  
did not intend at this time. I want  
to write you briefly now and  
send you a photo of our 14 months  
boy which of course is the best that

ever run when I learn that you  
received it. I shall send next time  
another with Mrs J and our two  
former cherubs on it. After which  
when convenient I shall get my  
own taken and you will have  
the family. In the mean time  
I would like to look on the  
countenance of my old <sup>friend</sup> and see  
how ~~old~~ Father Time has ~~been~~  
~~dealt with~~ <sup>the</sup> one who used to  
measure his passage so carefully.  
Our brethren have had a number  
of large meetings in different  
parts of the province with very  
gratifying success. About 100  
immersions are reported in last  
no of Bible Index. The Church at  
Maford still progresses many of  
our old Sunday scholars are in the ranks.  
Joseph Whitlaw is well into the