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DAVID DOUGLAS
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10 Castle Street
Edinburgh June 1 1908

My dear John Lewis

The enclosed letter from Prof
Balfour must be my apology
for inflicting another letter upon
you in my tiresome hand —

I am glad to see that the Congre-
gation are executing his alterations
and I feel sure you will appreciate
send him a duplicate of No 3

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I hope you will be able to give
me a good account of Mrs Mearns
health and that the migration to
a drier climate has been
successful. — Many thanks for
your kind message to Willie &
his wife. They appear to be very
happy. I am sorry to tell you
that we have had an anxious
household for the last several
weeks. My dear wife has been
very ill but thanks to the surgeons
care and skill her life has

been prolonged but she will
 always be an invalid. I fear —
 however I am very grateful
 for the prolongation. as long as
 she does not suffer pain —
 she is wonderfully patient and
 bright when she manages to
 get her natural sleep. and
 we have a good daughter who
 watches her closely during
 the day. — We have had a
 strained nerve for the night
 work since the 27th of April —

I am more really hopeful
 that she may be with us some
 time longer as a great improve-
 ment has taken place during
 the last few days. She has
 never lost interest in what is
 going on around us and
 gave last letter was read aloud
 to her. Apologizing for
 giving you these family details
 I am yours very sincerely
 David Douglas