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Westfield ²¹⁷
Dunbar
Sept 22^o 1844

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I am always truly pleased
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Westfield, Dunbar,
Sept. 22, '94.

My dear Cousin:

I duly received your kind letter of the 7th. I am always truly pleased to have a letter from you, should it only be a few lines, as I know you have a busy useful life, the time must fly quickly with you. I am sure your dear family will be very happy this season to have you [with] them, and not climbing those ice-bound mountains.

We will look out for the Country Magazine to read your paper in it. We had our house let 5 weeks this summer, and got a nice holiday. We only went to the village of East Linton, 6 miles from here. Susan got two weeks leave of absence and came to us. Maggie and she went off [on] a four days trip to the Highlands to Oban, and went through the pass of Glencoe. They returned highly delighted with all they had seen.

After getting settled down here again Maggie is away to visit our friends Mr. James Hay and family. You may be sure they will have many a talk about you. It is last September that you and Mag[gie] went to Liverpool, and they all saw you sail for your far-away home.

What a great comfort to your dear Mother to know all her family are well and doing well in their worldly concerns. I am very sorry and annoyed to think I have only had of Picturesque California the Jan. number, after your kindness and expense about wishing us to have it. James Hay is trying to find out where the fault can be, as he gets his regularly. It is very kind of him also. I cannot understand where the photos of your dear bairns will be wandering to, as they have not yet reached Dunbar. I was pleased to hear Mrs. Kelly and Susan had got them and all [were] not lost. I am wondering if you got the old Psalm Book of Grandfather I sent you about June! I am enclosing a Poem of Dunbar. They are being republished.

[Letter incomplete]

[Margaret Hay Lunan]