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but when I think how much I have deserved Chastisement I do not venture to — Will Jesus look at the mercy and patience of a long suffering God & pray on — & not at my own deserving? I know the one to be unbounded and I feel the other to be an intolerable burden" and adopt the cry "Forbid it Lord Jesus take forgive us all that is past" Can I then by taking thought add one cubit to my stature? reproves me often — I can do nothing but trust, love, adore, the Rock of salvation and strive for myself now to get my self a ready servant to do the will of Him who hath redeemed me with His precious blood — I endeavour to commend my children and all the talents to His most gracious and perfect protection and to be thankful for the mercies vouchsafed to us notwithstanding my unworthiness — Mr Brunton comes to Carse Emily's today. I think most fearfully from the undertaking but can not refuse her every comfort in my power to bestow. She is nervous about it also & of course not well nor comfortable — Our dear children are all well and I believe happy — Mr Buckley is awfully down today over Caution — The bad results yesterday from some of the New York Buckley which I am afraid has been of no benefit to her. Edward is still at Mr Holly's and Jas. says refraining from drink but without employment Annie is bright as ever James very tired last evening owing to the heat of the day & being obliged to go to the Hospital in the afternoon. and did not get to bed till late. The dear children come into my bed because of me —

I am interrupted here by the coming in of Mr Campbell who has just returned from the interior of Africa he is talking about his journey and I must therefore close unwillingly — I am interested in his statements but not ready to go to africa

Your very truly
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