

Mary cutter, Manse
9th July, 1861

My Dear Nephew,

I received your letter of the 18th June containing the solemn and affecting intelligence of the death of your mother, and communicating also the death of your grandson after a protracted illness. I wish to express my sympathy with you and Mrs Bower - and the sympathy of us all under these bereavements. Under sore trials we must feel, and are allowed to feel - but happy it is when we are enabled to improve them

faithfully - making sure of our being
ourselves in a state of grace, and, if
we be so, - of our advancing in the truly
Christian life. Under all circum-
stances what a blessed thing it is, that
we have at all times access to the
throne of grace, and so to apply
for the supply of all our need -
Philippians 4. 6, 7. In the
former of these verses, as to the
first clause of it, the import of it is,
'Have no unbelieving anxiety about
any thing'. - If it please God,
you may be able to let us have
the pleasure of seeing you next year.
If so, please let me hear from you
previously. - With our united sympathy and
kind regards to you and yours, I am, my dear nephew,
very truly and affectionately yours
Mr. John C. Bower
West Ossord
John T. Bower
