

## Letter to John Livingstone, 20 June 1865

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My Dear Brother

I have to give  
you the intimation  
of our mother's  
departure to a better  
world on Sunday  
the 18<sup>th</sup> currt. and  
beg you to com -  
municate the same  
to Neil and any  
other relatives at  
your convenience

[0002]

She had been long  
confined to bed but  
an attack of Bronchitis  
took away most  
of her remaining strength.  
She lingered for more  
than two months  
in excessive weakness  
& recieved the  
unremitting attention  
of Janet & Agnes  
night & day - Janet  
desires me to say  
that she would have  
written you long  
ago but could not.  
Mother was calm  
& collected to the last

[0003]

When the changes came [71]  
near Agnes said to  
her "Jesus is coming

for you. Can you  
lippen to him." She  
replied "Yes." - gave  
her last look to  
Anna Mary & said  
"bonnie well lassie"  
& fell asleep. She  
is to be buried  
beside Father on  
22 or 23<sup>d</sup>

I was at Oxford  
at the time. Left her  
a week ago better -  
and she continued

[0004]  
so till the change came.  
A telegram called me  
away yesterday  
morning & by travelling  
express I arrived  
this morning - and  
thank Him who  
after sparing her  
82 years has preserved  
her faithful to himself  
All the rest are well -  
No word of poor  
Robert - Give our  
love to all yours

Ever affectionately  
yours -

David Livingstone