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My Dear Sister

I have been so much pressed of late, that I have not written to you as often as I would. You will have seen from the last Cityer, that I have made a tour in Scotland, and you will rejoice in the success which has attended my efforts in forming Olive Leaf Societies. I never before felt so much pleasure in the work as in this new Mission of the Olive Leaves. I am now ~~not~~ almost exclusively operating among cultivated & benevolent ladies, and esteem it a great privilege to secure such cooperation on their part. I do feel it a great privilege to live and labour in this blessed country of temperance. In every town and village earnest and sympathetic persons may be found ready to engage in every enterprise of philanthropy, and feel my mind more and more concentrated upon New Britain as my home in America. I live over my experience there with a new luxury & memory. Do write me frequently, tell me everything about New Britain, about your own and your husband's circumstances. Are you enjoying good health, are the children good and happy? and how are the dear ones at home? I received a nice packet of letters from Cleveland by last steamer - from George Burnett, his wife, and Miss Augustus North. And now, next after our own family, stands your Olive Leaf Society, among affections. It is the first jewel of my crown & rejoicing. Is it alive, and active? Do tell them that my heart and hands are strengthened by their sympathy, appreciation, & cooperation more than they can conceive. I think of them daily, wish I could write more frequently; but I have no means of correspondence extending all over the civilized world. I shall write a few lines to them by this steamer, if I can get time. I enclose a note from Miss North to get to you, & send a most devoted spirit to me & to all our family, and do write me often.

Affectionately yours
Eliza Burnett

I have enclosed a letter for Mrs London expressing a hope that she will join your society; and have asked her at least to accept an invitation from you to attend one of your monthly meetings. Would she not be an excellent representative from the South Church, and work harmoniously with you? She is an interesting and energetic woman, and, unless you have some particular objection, I should be glad if you would make a special effort to win her into your circle. Will you forward the enclosed letters as early as you can. You see I have got a pretty good pocket of them. I hope to visit other friends in New Brunswick long. Hope also to get a pocket from your circle soon, and that all will write.

Have you heard from sister Turner recently? She has not written to me since I left America! How is Isaac? Do you see him occasionally? I wish he would write me more frequently, he has plenty of time. How is Deacon Whittleson?
I. B.