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My Dear Friend

I have no doubt but you have heard long ere this of the death of your friend M^r Philip. I only began to mourn his loss a few days ago, for though living in the same country the news must have traveled to Europe as quickly as it came here. It is indeed a public loss and one which is much felt by missionaries I now enclose a sketch of his character by an unknown hand. It will I have no doubt be acceptable to you as one of his friends and should you know any of his relatives the knowledge that he was held in such high public estimation may tend to soothe their their sorrow. If you are pleased with it my object in sending it will be attained. His young and talented widow has I am informed by her mother in law M^{rs} Philip taken the noble

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resolution of endeavouring to follow out her husbands plans. She ought to have the prayers of all who knew her departed husband -

I have to thank you for several parcels of reviews & call are exceedingly welcome. Be kind enough to send some writing paper, not yellow but of this colour. I am totally unable at present to give any missionary information the present opportunity of transmission having occurred quite unexpectedly. It is now long past bed time and I was busy building in the sun all yesterday the prospects for usefulness in converting souls [...] much greater here than at Mabotsa, a great deal of preparation is necessary. It is like beginning

a farm in the wilds of upper Canada

Please present my kindest regards to
good M^{rs} Sewell. I wrote her lately
and will soon again~~Will you~~
[...]

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You must excuse the shortness of this
Take the enclosed as a component part
and then you will forgive yours
ever affectionately
D Livingston

I wonder how the little man Watt gets on
Is he near you?

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