

Rev John Mackenzie
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My dear Mr & Mrs Cheyne

I have not been
able to return to town
so soon as I expected.

I have spoken in
Edinburgh & am
going to speak at
Dunfermline in connexion
with Missionary Meet-
ings. I am able to men-
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tion many things which
I want. And I am
under such obligations
to the Society, & feel such
a true interest in its
work in South Africa
elsewhere that I am
pleased to render any
assistance in my power.
At the same time I feel
that events in South
Africa at present need
the closest attention; &
unless by your self

I am afraid they
are not receiving much
attention.

I was much
shocked to read of the death
of Sir William MacArthur.
Every one who knew him
will feel that a good & strong
man has been taken away.
General sympathy will
be felt for his family on
whom the suddenness of
the stroke must have fallen
very heavily. South Africa
& the Colonies have lost
a true friend. The natives

have lost a benefactor
& a lover of justice &
piety. Although
eminent in his own
Church, he belonged in
a special sense to English
Christianity & English phi-
lanthropy. He leaves
a vacant place.

I shall be glad to hear
what has been decided
concerning the Deputation
from South Africa on the
Registration question.

With kind regards
I am ever yours sincerely
John Mackenzie