

next. Remember me to Mrs Lock, and tell her the *next* pair of trousers she mends for me, *not* to put WIRE *all along the bottoms*. There are a great many more messages and remarks I was going to send you, but I cannot remember them at present, so will reserve them till next. Be sure and let Mr Brown see this, and give him my fondest regards, and tell him to remember me to the Skirvings. Give my love to the Stewarts, and Duncans, and the Jockels. I hope you have seen Mr Younger since we left. If you don't write great long letters you will catch it. Write to the Serjeant-Major; I have done so. Give my fondest love to Grandfather, Aunt, Mr McKie, Charlie,* and dear little Topsy, and forgive me if I have forgotten anyone whom I should have sent kind wishes to. May God bless and keep you and all at home, is the earnest prayer of your ever loving son.

JOHN SWAIN.

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Mrs E. SWAIN, Edinburgh.

MY OWN DEAR MOTHER,—I received my letters on the 2nd inst., and they contained sad news indeed;† however, I was quite prepared for it, as I saw before I left home he could not last long. But, my dear mother, let

* A big dog.

† His grandfather's death.