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PRESTONKIRK, N.B.

STA: EAST LINTON, N.B.R.
TEL: STENTON.

Jan 21/03.

My dear Mrs Fawcett.

I had been thinking of you
a great deal in connection
with the loss of that very
unique personality Miss
Blackburn, and now I see
another reason of thinking
much of you. How glad I
am that what much hap-
pen, has been before you
had started of S. Africa.

I remember Mrs Butcher
saying to me that this par-
ticular loss, was the removal
of the back ground of one's
life. It is perfectly true, the
only thing one seems to have
known forever. Full of
years, and of honour, & as
life goes on, & one sees
so many lives lived with-
out honour, the possession
of a complete & worthy

life, seems so great. I re-
member once in one of our
few moments of possible dis-
cord saying to you something
wh. implied you did not un-
derstand the language of the
evangelical school. You ans?
that you ought to do so, as you
had been brought up in it, but
I did not know what the
biographies tell me now.
I always say whatever
were the faults of that school,
they understood the joy of
religion, & the Peace

of God ruled their lives

I feel very peculiarly sad about
Miss Blackburn. I had learnt
to love her, & I do think it was
the most comprehensive mind
I ever came in contact with.

Nothing seemed ever to waver
or embitter her judgment.

I shall miss her a great
deal. I ought to be in America

about the 24th.

Yrs affly

Francis Balfour
