

Edenwood
Cupar. Jefe
23rd Oct. 1875

My dear William
Mrs Gupier and
I came here a few
days ago, almost
direct from York-
shire, (where we were
paying a visit) to
have a look at our
numerous be-
-ings here, before
returning for good
to Ainslie place.
Thank God, we found
Johnny the Colonel,
and their offshoots
all in good health.
I am obliged to re-
-turn on Monday-
-evening, it gave me

and Mrs Napier very
great distress, indeed
to hear of the unex-
pected death of your
excellent brother, the
Bishop of Brechin.
My object in writing
to you just now, was
to offer our most
sincere condolence
under this heavy
affliction to port
all. None was ever
^{regretted} more universally
and justly. Social
society was lost a
delight and an or-
nament; and the
Episcopacy of Scotland
a graceful pillar
that will not be re-
^{placed} easily. He and Dean

Ramsay leave
two lamentable
blanks in our
Church. You brother
always honored
myself with most
kindly attentions.
My daughter Fanny
was a great admirer
of his, and mourns
over the loss to our
Church, and Society -
as we all do, with
sad sincerity. In
his own immediate
circle, among whom
he was the observed
of all observers -
the most amiable
member of a most
amiable family -
the blow cannot be

terribly severe. All
we can say is
God's will be done.
Accept, my dear
William, from us
all, our sincere though
unavailing condolence
under an affliction
to yours which time
alone can alleviate.

Believe your
sincere old friend
Mark Hopkins

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