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**Gair, Alexander (letters) XS1 MS A007**

*A series of twelve personal letters written by Rev. Gair from 1811 to 1848. Also as 14 letters and two pages of sayings of Joseph MacKay 1828-1848.*

Gair's Letters

1. Letter dated 24 Feb. 1811 from Lothburg, writes to a friend about the story of Sarah and Abraham and Romans chapter 4 verse 19.
2. Letter dated 4 March 1812 from Lothburg, writes to his sister and is very happy that he has just received a letter from her. He writes of his ill health and asks for her prayers.
3. Dated 30 January 1815 from Lothburg, writes to a friend regarding the health of John McIntosh and sends regards from Isabel Grant.
4. 29 May 1817 to a friend writes briefly about being a spared sinner and asks to meet with the letter's recipient.
5. To a friend dated 10 June 1818, writes about his loneliness.
6. To a friend dated 14 September 1818 from Reisgle, writes about how the Church is against him and he will not have his child baptized.
7. 29 February 1820, writes about further unhappiness.
8. 22 March 1820 again Gair complains about life to his friend and asks that his regards be forwarded to Peter Stuart.
9. 22 December 1822 letter to friend full of biblical illusions and the typical unhappiness.
10. 9 February 1824 typical bible talk to his friend.
11. 24 January 1840 a letter to his brother consoling him and his wife because of a death in the family.
12. 9 April 1847 to a friend.

MacKay's Letters

1. 12 July 1828 to a friend - four of his family are ill with measles and food is running low.
2. 30 October 1840 to a friend - good to get friendly letters, get lots of bad letters.
3. 10 May 1843 to a friend - disagree with leaders of church.
4. 22 February 1844 to friend - re the growing unhappiness with the church.
5. 29 January 1845 to friend - writing of the evil of the times they live in.
6. 13 March 1845 to friend - letter describes Alexander Gair's depression.

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7. 20 September 1845 to "Dear Sir" - writing to thank for lodging.
8. 25 September 1845 to Robert - letter describing the health of friends.
9. 12 October 1845 to friend - in response to hearing receiver's child ill.
10. 10 December 1845 to friend.
11. 15 August 1846 to "Dear D." - more dissatisfaction with church.
12. 19 December 1846 to friend

The letters are followed by two pages of quotes by Joseph MacKay pertaining to the Church.

Lastly is a short three pages biography of MacKay.