

32 Balgreen Avenue,
Edinburgh, EH12 5SU.

21/3/84

Dear Mr Bell,

How kind of you to let me
and Mrs Ross know that our recording
work is helpful to others. We hope
to "do" the other Dornoch burial
ground perhaps this year in August.
In June we are intending, health
permitting, to do Tongue and
Bettyhill.

I am enclosing a copy of
Dornoch/Hedd which should
photocopy all right. Go ahead
and make as many copies as
your members need but charge
them something between 5 and 10 p per
page and, please, put the money
into your Society funds as

a gift from me. I am only too pleased to help local history groups. Mrs Ross and I are doing this for the sake of Scottish records. Mrs Ross crofted at Nauidale for nearly 20 years —

She was at Burnside: her husband was James Will Ross. We come up twice a year for 2 weeks and believe me it takes us going at it all day to get recording done — we never have spare time but we have loads of fresh air. We did Dornoch in May two years ago when we had snow on the journey north on May 1st. That was a test of endurance — keeping popping out and in the car to heat ourselves with coffee!

I am busy here in Edinburgh gathering material

for a book on our western area of the city - Corstorphine and it will take me another two years to get it knocked into shape.

However you will be interested to know that in between the Lowland work I am making an index of names appearing in the first volume of HORNINGS for Southeland 1739-1808. I have also in ms. an index to the teachers who taught for the SSPCK 1710 - 1870 so if you know the name an enquirer was searching for I would check my index.

I sent the Northern Times an article last year !!! which the editor said he would use

but it has not yet appeared so I think I'll drop him a reminder. It is a write-up of notes from the Helmsdale schoolmaster's log-book in the second half of the 19th century.

Please send me back the copy of the recordings I have included with this. It will save you asking someone to lend it to you. No hurry to return it.

Meantime all our good wishes to your Society.

Yours sincerely,
A.S. Cowie.

P.S. I have slides of the trees coming down at the church (Gospel) corner. I was going south the morning the traffic was held up so nipped out and took a picture.

32 Balygreen Avenue,
Edinburgh. 12

30/5/84.

Dear Mr Bell,

A quick Thank
You for the gift of the
Dornoch archaeology item. I'm
delighted to have it and
appreciate your kindness.
The note is hasty as I
am coming up to Helmsdale
this week-end (as well
as August!). If I don't
call in now I'll do so
in August — all depends
on how the recording time
goes. We have it in mind
to record Dornoch is other
burial ground which would

be helpful to your Society.
It has been done but not
very well I'm afraid and
not published so if we do
it you'll get a copy
and the right from us to
re-copy. Probably an August job.

Glad you have enjoyed
the Dominic's letter books.

A 462 BSF → In travel in a yellow
Mini SPRITE so if you
see one about give me
the STOP signal. My
Helmsdale address is 76
East Helmsdale — near
Navicle — out all day
but usually back about
7.30 so if passing look in —
cottage on its own with modern
kitchen extension — on main A9.

Yours sincerely
A. S. Conner.