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Excuse blo. Am you far from Church. Glentore
We are two miles. We have a evening service Balnain
once in 3 weeks in Balnain School about. Inverness
one mile away.

12 Nov 1931

Dear Isabel

Thanks for the nice long letter you sent me
lately. I like to hear about my Cousins in Australia.
Trade in Australia is like our own home land very
bad indeed. Hard time for many a one. My
youngest sister Elizabeth we call her Bessie.
Her husband is a engineer. He is idle this last year.
They have only one child (a girl) living she lives
with me and goes to School about a mile
away from us. The country is healthier than town
life. When my sister's husband is away at sea she comes
and lives with me. Her home is in Glasgow.
Our Labour Government had nearly ruined our Country.
We had a election a fortnight ago. The Tories
has gained the day and we trust things will
brighten a bit. You must have a lot to do
the family is getting big. You wont have
much time for sport. I never played tennis
in my younger days it was not so much
to the point.

^{near}
Glentore is a free church which Isabel's grandma &
Grandpa (Evan) went to.

Isabel's cousin Margaret in Scotland
was younger sister Elizabeth (Bessie)
another sister Jeanie (Mrs Rae)

My niece & nephews all play all sorts of games, Tennis & Golf. In winter time they play, Badminton. Our winter days are very short. Just now it is dark at 5 P.M. A little after seven A.M. before you could do any thing inside. Are you near the old home your grandmy lived in Donald lived there did he not. Is your Aunt Flora near you. Give her my love. And I should have loved to see you all. It was a great pleasure to us all. to meet your Simpson. He would tell you all about us. Does he live far from you. What does he do. Lots of questions. I had a letter from my sister (Jeanie) Mrs Rae. She told me she had a letter from you and your Aunt Flora. She was very sorry she had her arrangements made before she got your letters. I must say I am very sorry indeed that she did not get to see you all. And her being 6 weeks in Sydney ^{doing nothing} how many miles will you be from Sydney. I was looking at a map we have I could not find your place in it. What is your Aunt Flora's address. The harvest in our Country was good this year good crops got it reaped in good time.

Aunt Flora is ^{EVANS} ~~Robert~~ sister.
 Evans only had the two girls, Isabel & Emma

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2) But- They had some year very wet- indeed the last few years. It was very trying indeed. I felt for farmers. Cattle last-year were down in price.

This season there is a greater demand. Would you care to have a read of The Northern Chronicle.

I get it. Will send it on some times. You have a busy time among your family. It won't be long until they can help. Is the school near hand.

Farming in Australia and farming at home here are two different things. Your climate is so hot. Our climate has changed. We have not the same hot seasons. The winter is milder but the Spring is cold. Things are late in growing. There is only 7 acres of land with our home. One cow for home use. We grow what keeps her. I have about-between 40-50 hens. plus Turkeys. When Xmas come we will soon get rid of them. A big garden we grow for our own use. If the fruit is plentiful I send it to the family. I look after the cow fowls housework. I bake not all I need. I do a lot in the garden. My niece lives with me. She goes to School leaves about nine A.M. home about 5 P.M. We have dinner then.

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She takes a lunch to school. In winter time they only get half an hour at dinner time get home the half hour earlier. I have the house work to do. Have the family coming every often. The last week in Oct. I had my sister Billa. (Mrs Fraser) Glasgow her husband two sons and my sister Bessie. He came on a ~~Thursday~~^{Thurs-day} left Tues-day. It makes extra work. But we are always glad to see them. I used to do a lot of sewing and knitting when our family were at home. I did a lot for my nieces & nephews. Now they are able to look after themselves a good few of them. As you said. I always get plenty mending, patching, darning to do. There is a few nights awuk spent in writing. We often go out visiting Friday nights Betty has her lessons other nights. She goes to bed early. I hope your Mother in law is better long before now. Any thing you would like to know just ask. There is not much doing in our Glen just now. Winter time it is quiet. Of course the young folk have concerts & dances. We and friends are well & trusting this will find you all enjoying the best of health. Wishing all a Very happy and prosperous New Year. With much love to all. Your loving Cousin
Margaret