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My dear Mr. Dawson

Since William left
I have had the pleasure of
receiving two welcome letters
from you - the first dated
31st May the ^{other} June 6th. I am
truly glad & thankful too, I
hope, to hear our prayers for
your recovery from your dis-
tressing illness have in part
been answered, & that you

think this is now something
like steady progression towards
amendment. I do hope it may
continue & that by the time Wilkin-
son has to leave (if you do not re-
turn with him) you will be able
to move about more & not again
be thrown back into such
such entire loneliness. Had
it appeared at all practicable
to have sent one of the children
or come myself to help, even
a little, to console you in any

may I would most gladly have
done so, but there appeared to be
some formidable difficulties in
making the arrangements & William
thought he might arrange & try
to induce you to return with
him, so that if that can be
accomplished it would rather
have been a hindrance than
a pleasure to have had either
of the children.

I was interrupted at this
point. As it is nearly mid-
time & the porter waits

to take this to town. you
will excuse brevity.

I have received Mr. ^{note} ~~W.~~ dated
June 11th Pray tell him of
state with you that there is
nothing of importance waiting him
here - that we are all quite
well - Judge Day was up two
days ago looking at our garden
& the grounds. Lizzie keeps the
garden in good order &
Anna works very diligently being
wants perseverance sadly. You
may also say my domestic

Letter
Mrs J W D
17 June 1857

affairs here improved. I
have got quite of the Cook
who has occasioned me
untold trouble. I have en-
gaged a very respectable girl
who will come to us on
the first of July. meantime
Jessie & I manage to churn
& teach time about.

If any comfortable arrangement
can be made for Agnes
I do hope you will be able
to come here with William

it would be such a comfort
to have you here all safe
before the chilly weather of
Autumn: It would be an
additional pleasure if Agnes
could come too that you
might have the satisfaction
of giving her away to her
future protector. I fear however
here you will miss her
very much. Please give
my very kindest regards

to his

The weather continues
cool & some rain has
made it most agreeable
for us, altho' vegetation
progresses slowly.

Beys. Amie. beg me to
send this love to you &
hope should be he with

you
Yours ever affectionately

Mary Ann & Hanson

There has been almost
continuous ^{rain} here for a
week. Today has been fine
& the little folks, who are
quite well, rejoiced to
get into the open air
again. Since papa
left little William has
very often played at going
to Pictou — he packs

his trunk closed & says
he is waiting for the
Cub. Please convey my
sincere sympathy to Mr Ross
in his trial with poor
Anna. — I would like
also to be kindly remembered
to Mr & Mrs R. Dawson & the
Catherine. The Children &
myself unite in sending love to
Agnes. Yours affectionately
Margaret.