

Letter
Mrs J W D
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My dear Mr. Dawson

From the tenor
of William's last letter I fear
I have still got to use the
pen in addressing you, altho'
I had firmly hoped you would
have been persuaded to have
returned with Mr. now, however,
that it is decided otherwise we
must only trust that you

health may continue to improve
that you may be able to settle
your business matters more
satisfactorily than I suppose
could have been done so
hastily.

You kindly offer to have
fruits preserved & buy butter
for winter store. I shall be
very glad if Agnes can make
some strawberry as it is nearly
impossible to get them here, but
she has too much to attend to
this summer to do more. for I

know there is much labor in
preparing such things. It would
grieve me to have be hindered
on my account. About the
middle of last winter, our neigh-
bor Mr Baynes, got a farmer to
bring four 60. lbs tubs of butter
to the different families at the
College. at 1/2 per lb. It was excellent
I is good even now when I
am using about the last of it.
So if we can get the same this
winter (I I presume we can)
it would be better don't you
think than bringing it from =
Nova Scotia

I regret you could not get
sub, but probably I can get
it at the laboratories.

The only event that has occurred
to break the monotony of our
daily routine is an excursion
we took yesterday across the
rivers to Louvain, to be present
at the examination of a French
mission school there, which
is conducted by a few most
devoted Christians - French &
Swiss. Twenty Roman Catholic girls
as those who have recently left,
Romanism, we at present being

educated. Thus I daily read
I receive instruction from
the bible. They have a large
Carmachans house & every thing
seems kept in the most per-
fect order & cleanliness. Anne
& I have enjoyed this sail much
& while the re-annation was
going on had a ramble in
the woods in the neighbour-
hood under Jesses Care. when
they returned they played with
some other children who were
there in one of the woods.
first

women we then had an
abundant lunch I returned
about 4. ^{o'} all I think feeling
quite pleased with our
trip.

I trust that by Wednesday
William will be able to let
you know of his safe arrival
in Boston. I by this day meet
once again address you from
Montreal. I do not think anything
of importance has suffered from
his absence. Hoping further that
you too may soon be reunited
to the family, yours affectionately
Margaret A. & Dawson.