

Pictou 10th Sept - 59

Mr Lawson

Dear friend I received a note from you a short time ago and felt glad to hear that you were well. Since then we have had a visit from Mrs Stewart, these short reunions are delightful while they last, but the parting soon comes. - this day I am smarting from the effects of Agnes's farewell.

But I look forward to a "good time coming" even in this life when distance no more the grave itself will ~~will~~ be an obstacle to communion between kindred spirits.

We were grieved to hear of George's illness - I trust they will find skill in Boston to do him good.

You enquire about the boys
John is at London just now

second mate of one of George
McKenzie's vessels. Edmund
is still in the steamer he
intends to follow out engineering
as a business he likes it very
well.

When the strawberries were
ripe I thought it a pity you
were not down - they were
much better than last year and
lasted so long. That you
may have a taste I have sent
a crack by this steamer - I
have not forgot the nice dishes
of fruit which we get for
many a year out of your garden.

Beside the strawberries
the box contains three cracks
jelly and bottles syrup from
Mrs Stewart. I hope it
will reach safe.

Capt. Dawson says he
will be careful of and forward
it

I accept my thanks about the
furs. I do not mean any
myself — but since you are so
kind, I will accept a pair
of gauntlets for Anna she is
grown a great girl what would
fit Mrs William would do her
Your brothers people are in
their usual way except Smith
who is at present suffering from
belous fever.

Mrs Robsons are well and
have been doing a good business
this summer — They altered their
house in the spring — making the
entrance from the street and turning
the shop into a diningroom

Remember me to Mr & Mrs

Dunson I hope they will
all be benefited by their trip
to Boston

My husband joins me in
kindest regards to you. I am
dear friend yours truly
Jane McPhail

Boston
My McPhail
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