

Pictou May 15  
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My Dear Friend,

As William is writing, I embrace this chance of sending you a few lines, altho it is a duty I owe you, to write more frequently could I find any thing at all interesting. There is very little improvement since you left things go on in the same old way; in religious <sup>matters</sup> I can say little. Mr Bayne was confined for a few weeks with hoarseness the effects of a bad cold. I am happy to say he is now quite better and able to preach again. We have had a number of sudden deaths this winter teaching us a lesson that this



world is changing' and we, too  
are changing and passing  
away!

McLean has written you that he  
does not intend to go on this  
fall he is ready now to enter  
the divinity class' as he has  
been pretty much dependant  
on others so far' he feels it his  
duty now' to do all he can to get  
along' by his own perseverance.  
I think if he succeeds' in getting  
into a situation for two or three  
years' he will try and go to  
Scotland to finish his studies  
this is his desire at present,  
but there is very little encoura-  
gement here for young men  
I trust providence will open



some way for him' as he has  
already been kindly provided  
for the five pounds sterling  
that he received from his Uncle  
must now go to his children I  
will expect them I think in  
July they left the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nov  
I was pleased to see by the in-  
structor they have done so much  
in 'Canada' for the mission'  
'it will increase the interest  
here' I have letters from my  
daughter dated Feb Nov Dec by  
the last Mr Matherson's health  
was not improved 'as the un-  
healthy season' was advancing  
he fancied a change of Air  
and went to Curamango' I  
hope it may be beneficial



Letter

Mrs Johnston  
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To Miss Mary writes me that  
Dr. [unclear] says he has a com-  
plication of disease. It is very  
trying for her but she writes in  
good spirits. The only regret is she  
cannot be so useful as Dr. [unclear],  
not knowing the language, and  
where she was she had a school of  
about 60 men, women and children  
and was actively employed. These  
trials no doubt are all for good,  
I shall be happy at any time to give  
you information about the mission  
as Mary does not wish her letters, pu-  
blished till she is engaged at her own  
station. My eldest daughter left me  
to remain with her Aunt in Califor-  
nia. I have just had a letter of her safe  
arrival. Mr Henderson is well. I  
feel these separations very  
much but trust they are all