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Mt. Darton Pictou Dec 18 1860

My very Dear Friend,

I should have written you this, altho' land, and water divide us, the friendship that is connected with my earliest recollection, I trust will still exist the little while we remain, in this vale of tears, when I look around how few are left of former friends, every day teaches us that we are Pilgrims here, you would see old Mr Weatherons death, in the instructor, he was all ready waiting his change & his death had no terrors, also Mr Winkly's death, I seen her several times, precious to her death! she suffer'd very much! Mr Hudson

visited her 'she would not see
Mr Bayne while in life' but he
was sent for 'after her death which
I was very happy to hear
religion is very cold in Pictou
still, it is so difficult to dis-
tinguish the Christian from the
worldling; Oh that Gods Spirit
might revive and quicken
amongst us, no doubt you had
a deep interest in all that
takes place here.

You would hear of the arrival
of my Brothers children; Miss
Peggie and I fully intended
to write; When we sent the box
and we felt much anxiety for
fear it would not reach its pro-
per destination; in our confusion
we sent it on board the boat.

without any charges, but I am
very happy to learn from Mr
Paine, that your son, received it
Miss Geddie brought a great variety
of specimens also native's dress
that she collected from these
different Islands on her way
home, so we have, I may say
a Museum, in the house,
to see them and the children
there has been people, from all
parts, of the country, so that our
house, been, like a thoroughfare
for the last three months,
some before they saw the children
really asked, if they were dark,
Charlate the oldest is very small
and delicate very little change
in her looks Lucy promises to be
very large she is much taller than

her sister's Lizzy and John
look like tropical plants,
large black eyes, they looked a
little sallow, when they arrived,
but they have been very hearty
and well and are now growing
quite stout, they require many
comfits, coming from a warm
climate, I do indeed feel sad
when I look at them so young to
be separated from their Parents
still I now see the necessity of
sending them to a civilized
country, children are so apt to
get into heathen practices, I
trust grace and strength
may be given me for the res-
ponsible charge, providence
is kind my health is better

and I hope I may be enabled
to fulfil my duty to them
each Missionary child is allowed
5 yearly and these Parents also
allows them 5 yearly out of
their Salary, so the allowance
for each child is 10 yearly
these Parents wish them to be
as little a burden on the Church
as possible the two eldest is
going on a visit to Antigonish
but I think they will not rem-
ain long, as they do not like
to be separated from each other
these first winter here they
require to be kept warm,
as yet I have seen no bad
effects from the cold, altho
the weather has been intensely
cold

for the last week! I have
written you fully as I know
you would like to hear about
them;

William intends writing you
Mr Simons delivered your
message to him he as well
as myself shall ever feel
grateful to you for your great
kindness, were it not for that
he would not be so far ad-
vance, he had much to discour-
age him, but God has smiled
on every effort, what my
Brother allowed him must
now go to his children! I
think I write you Mr Scot got
a settlement for him in Halifax
it was not according to his test
so he did not engage for any

only title he could get one
more to his taste, you would
hear of the death of Mr W Pheron
clerk, so he sent for William
that immediately came on he
did not gain but rather lost
in Halifax the Board so high
otherwise it was an advantage
to him 'as it gave him a little
insight so that he was at home
at once in your old stand,
indeed I may say he has
the business pretty much
in his own hands, the first
year I am afraid he will not
be able to do much' as an exp-
ences, will be more' his intention,
still is to study for the ministry
and be a missionary, but he would
like if possible to finish in

Letter
Mrs Jas Johnston
18 Decr 1860

Scotland there advantages is
so superior Missionaries require
to study every thing by the last
mail we received very encourage
letters, the Missionaries all met
on 4th Decr Mr Johnston is
settled on Tanna with Mr Selton
Mr Witherson is back to his Station
his health improved say daughter
is very well, I wish you could
see her letters, every letter she
seems to be growing in grace
she wishes all to put up these
prayers for the poor Tannians, if
they had one soul great would
be there reward, Mrs Geddie unites
with me in kind regards to Mr and
Mrs Dawson and yourself hoping to
hear from you if not may we
meet in the Christians home with many
thanks for past kindness yours Maryann Johnston