

Pictou 14. Sept 1874.

My Dear Sir

I am direct: of yours  
of 9<sup>th</sup> Inst: and now enclose the  
blank cheque you sent to me. duly  
filled out for \$154. payable to Mrs  
Mercee and signed by Mr. Trimmer  
which I hope will be in accord  
-ance with your wishes. Mrs. P. is  
quite distressed that her want of  
knowledge of banking should have  
put you to this additional trouble  
when we we all feel you have al-  
-ready done so much for her & for  
the girls. I am sure we cannot  
sufficiently express our gratitude  
to you & to Mrs. Dawson for your  
great kindness. It is a great  
relief to our hearts to know that  
our dear girls are so near to  
you, and your good advice, <sup>(to them)</sup> and

Mrs Dawson will be highly valued  
both by us and our daughters.

I know your time is very much  
occupied and I would not think  
for a moment of allowing them  
to add any burden to your al-  
ready numerous responsibilities  
& troubles but you may have the  
opportunity occasionally of giving them  
a word of counsel or encouragement  
when it would be of the greatest  
value to them. May I ask you  
and Mrs Dawson for this. You  
can understand our anxiety  
in having them away from  
our own influence and control  
and how much we would prize  
their having access to friendly aid  
to guide them in their inexperience.

I am sorry Mrs Pinnerod was  
obliged to leave so hurriedly she  
had a pleasant passage but

Somewhat rough & arrived on Sat.  
bath morning found baby better.

She would have liked to have  
seen Mr. Merces again as to funds  
See We think Mrs. M. will send  
her accounts to us and I can  
 remit to her direct which will  
be least troublesome.

Mr. Logan is to see me  
in a day or two to have the ac  
for the boring made out when  
I will enclose it to Mr. McKay  
as you direct.

Yours very truly

Howard Pierson

Principal Dawson

Yours of 27<sup>th</sup> ulto was duly recd.

Prunus  
L. P. M. J.

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