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My dear Principal Dawson,

I received your kind and  
interesting letter of January 16<sup>th</sup>  
and although I have nothing of  
any consequence to tell you, I shall  
write a few lines to acknowledge  
your kindness in taking so much  
trouble as to write in the midst of  
your multifarious labours (I  
will not call them duties) for I  
suspect you do a great deal that  
it is not imposed - if only you

think it requires to be done

I am thankful to say, we  
are all enjoying a good measure  
of health. I am very much better  
than when Roubin was here - I do  
not regain strength rapidly, but  
the cure is progressing, and I am  
not opposed with work - I go to  
the Infirmary for an hour, or may  
be two, in the forenoon; and the  
Nurses are quite content with  
my limited services; as I have a  
very able assistant whose business  
is of attending the meetings of  
the Board, & can direct time

as to other duties - I only go  
when the weather is dry - on a  
wet day or a blustering wind (say  
it is to-day) I do not stir out.

Jessie is enjoying much better  
health than she did two years ago, still  
she has to be careful to avoid catching  
cold - I may say, in a word, that  
all the branches of the family are  
upon the whole well at present.

I am glad to learn that Mrs  
Dawson, Mr Harrington & all the  
rest were well when you wrote -

Yours will please give our  
most kind regards to them  
all -

With regard to the



I'm all done for News paper &c  
there need be no haste about it,  
as George settled all to the end  
of 1880 - The whole that is due  
to the end of 1882 will be 29/4 &  
It is not worth while to be sending  
that small sum

I bless God, that through His  
grace & mercy, I enjoy peace,  
& joy in Him through our Lord  
Jesus Christ through whom we have  
received reconciliation

Again wishing you every heavenly  
& spiritual blessing, I remain

Yours sincerely  
Peter Bell