

Piton Nov 28, 1845

Dear Margaret

Mr. Preson having called to day that in ten or fifteen minutes he intends to sail for Pontam, and will carry anything for me. I have hastily put together a few American books for your nephews and nieces. I have not time to look for anything I should like to send you, but am sure it will give you as much pleasure to distribute those I send. If there be one one keep it for yourself, or give to any one you think proper. For

Father and mother have not
been very well of late (not dangerous
ill however), and I have in con-
sequence been very busy of late.
As you will receive this about
Christmas or New Year, I may
send in sincerity the best wishes
usually given at such seasons

Yours affectionately
W. Dawson

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