

Shelburne Sept 14.

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Dearest Margaret

I received your last letter on Thursday evening, immediately after my arrival here. I thank you for telling me so fully all your doings and troubles. I am sorry that the girl has left; she might I think, if you pushed her, have at least waited till my return. I hope however you will be able to get another, and I would have you make no scruple about getting one for the whole time if you can find a suitable person. Remember dear Margaret that your health and comfort are above all other considerations, and that you are not in a condition to take too much work on yourself. Do not mind what any one may

I secure that result.

Since I last wrote I have travelled through a barren and uninviting country between Liverpool and Shelburne. I stopped a night and gave a lecture at Locke's Island, in Ragged Island Harbour. It is a neat little charming fishing place. The only settlement thence to Shelburne is at the Godwin River, a stream of moderate size, and I suppose not very like its original. Shelburne is a quiet town, smaller than Peter, and with perhaps not half the population of Peter. It has one broad street with some neat houses. 50 or 60 years ago Shelburne was a place with 12 to 14,000 inhabitants who came here after the American revolutionary war, and built a town in a few years; but in a few years it fell to decay and was almost deserted. Most of the old houses

are gone, and there are three or four
long streets, grown over with bushes & some
cellars along their sides to make where
horses were. The present town has some
what varied within the last 5 or 6 years,
and is now advancing again.

I had a very ~~three~~ meeting on
Friday, the people being crowded on
the subject of education, and accordingly
I gave out a lecture for the evening,
and managed them to get a good
houseful. I called on Mr Byers
and his wife, and both were at my
meeting. Mrs B. is very stout. I forget
to tell you that Mrs McGregg has got
a daughter, and was doing well when
I left Halifax.

I have with John's help eaten most
of my cake and figs, and have filled
the tin case with specimens which I

Shall send you this place to Halifax.
I am quite well, not having
had the slightest cold or other
ailment. Adieu ~~me~~ dear Margaret
I say again, take care of your health,
take exercise and fresh air, do
not stint yourself of anything con-
ducive to your comfort, and keep
up a cheerful heart and a
constant reliance on your heavenly
Father and mine. In a few days
I shall have reached the eastern

end of the Province, and shall then
like one of those comets which move
far away from their centre of attraction be-
gin to turn my face toward home where
my ~~own~~ heart always is with you.

I almost forget to answer your question
about the auriferous quartz. You are like many
other gold hunters, and I do not wonder at the
failure. The specimen is I think in a box containing
Iron or manganese ore.

Yours ever
William

P.S. Please put up in a wrapper open at
the ends 24 copies of the pamphlet of
the "Forms and Hints" and send by mail
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Selkirk 15th Sept - at five o'clock - the well
known party, and attended meeting taking
at Mr Ogden's last evening, and after speaking, I went for a
walk in the park, and a happy walk.