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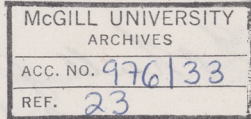
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Pictou





Halifax Friday Evg

Dear Margaret

I suppose I may as well
give you a connected history of Proceedings
here. You have I hope received my let-
ters by Sunday's mail and Wednesday's
coach, informing you of my doings up
to Tuesday. On Tuesday I went about
making calls on friends, & doing various little
errands, as I perhaps informed you in
my last. On Wednesday I busied at
preparations for my lecture, and called
on Mr Forest of the Free Church. On Thurs-
day the forenoon was chiefly occupied with
lecture preparations, and in the afternoon
I dined with Johnston the ex-attorney
General, to whom I had a letter from Mrs
A P Bop, and who I believe intends to
patronise my lectures. I met a few in-
telligent people there, and went di-
rectly from his house to the lecture. This
lecture was on Crystallography, and for
audience I had about 100 College boys
& striplings and about 30 others. Only
30 tickets have yet been sold, but
I expect that by the next night there
will be nearly as many more. So far as
I have heard people are well pleased with

last night's lecture. I shall get 4 or 5-
young men at least, in addition to the
College boys, who wish practical in-
struction — The weather has been
most delightful, a slight fall of
snow on Wednesday — and great
turn out of sleighs on Thursday.
I hope you have had the snow
~~on~~ at Pictou.

Our Boy arrived on Wednesday
night and I got it sent off on
Thursday forenoon by John McKinnis.
I hope it will reach you before this
letter, as I suppose he has time
to be in Pictou before Saturday night.

I have told you that where I
live there are only three other boarders. One
is Robertson our M. P., another a clerk
in Martin's Drug store, and another a
young man in business, I do not exactly
know when. They are agreeable young men.
The landlady is a youngish widow without
any family. The accommodations are plain
enough but comfortable. I do not think
it will be worth my while to move till
you come down. Nearly all the best
giving houses here are of the same class,
and kept by parish people, who can-
not afford anything fine in the way of

Furniture &c — I should think with whom I dined
yesterday, resides at Dartmouth, but during
the sitting of a family he lives in lodgings
here. This place, though I suppose one of
the best in town, is just about as sparsely
as its furnishings as the others, though rather
larger in the rooms, &c than when I am.

You will suppose that I am very dis-
sipated, but I am to dine to day at S R
Jung's & tomorrow at Mrs Sherman's. I shall
hardly have left of that however by and by,
and it is a comfort to have one week of
my ten over. I have been at the
Postoffice to day for letters and there is none.
It is rather too bad to be a whole
week without news, if you are all well,
as I sincerely hope you are.

I have just received yours of
yesterday and now write with
more courage, indeed on looking
over the part already written I
am almost inclined to destroy it
and begin anew. I learn from my
father's letter that one was sent pre-
viously which I have not yet received,
Mr R's name not having arrived. I am very
happy to learn that you and our dear
little boy are well, and also that Mar²

great is attendance. I am also quite
pleas'd to learn that you have
been walking and writing. Keep up
these good habits and put them
in place of the dolour of which
you write. I think I shall venture
to send your watch by this parcel
as it is going well. I shall mind it
before it leaves here, and if you get
it on Saturday evening, it will be
not have time to run down.
I have got three Hyacinths and a juncus
for you, the latter I wish you to put
& take good care of as it will be
something new. I also send a nice
little toy for Master George Mercer
which you will please present with
my best wishes. May our heavenly father
the guard and protect us both till we meet.
My health is excellent, though I have when
you sometimes felt a little dull
P.S. I have thought of looking for Cuffs for
you. Shall I do so, or wait till you are here.

Your William