

Mr Bell & James Bell
April 1851.

Peter Bell & his Son
quite interesting.

Mr J. M. Dawson
Pictou
Nova Scotia



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My dear father

I received Mr Dawson's short note from Halifax of date 8th April and next post brought Mr D's Report on Education which Uncle has carefully perused and is much gratified by it. He sends his thanks, and very kind remembrances. He has enjoyed good health this last winter and is very well at present, but becomes ~~very~~ somewhat inferior.

Mr Dawson states that, you and the Children are well, from which we infer there must be an addition, but whether one, two, or three, we cannot determine. I saw had two last time, and an individual in our neighbourhood had three a short time ago, and all doing well. We are yet without information as to the extent of the

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gift bestowed by Providence upon
you. I am very sorry ^{only} that a
few days ago, that she gets on better
with two than with one.

I am sorry to have to inform
you that Walter's second daughter
(Lizzie) died on the 6th instant,
after an illness of nine weeks.

The disease was chronic inflammation
of the lungs. Dr. Heigler was in
constant attendance, and she had
been seen by Professors Alison and
Simpson, but the disease baffled
all their skill.

It is a very trying event
for Walter and his wife.

Our own family are all well.
The times are throwing us uncommunally.

But, Mr. Brewer who saw the whole
circle will be able to tell you

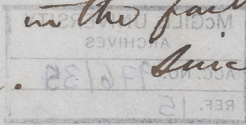
all about us.

The letter from James, enclosed, was intended to be sent by M.C., but we trifled our time, or were otherwise hindered till too late, and the small package must be reserved till Oliver and Boyd's box goes, if no earlier opportunity offers.

I think your simple order will be warrant enough for the Excambro (Jane) to pay over the money to O & B, and a formal receipt can be forwarded by you when you receive the cash.

Marian with her husband and family are well, and Jessie with hers are well also. Mr. Cleghorn Sew died about six weeks ago.

Mr. Macdonald, an aged member of the church, died about the same time. The departed rejoicing in the faith and hope of the gospel.



then, the church has lost another member
by death (Mrs. God) perhaps you will
not remember her. She also held fast
the faith to the end.

I observe Mr. Dawson has gone on a
tour of some length - I trust you will
receive him again safe and sound.

I have neither time nor space
for public news, but would only remark
that, we live in extraordinary times, whether
we regard the world in its Religious,
Moral, Social or Political relations.

I am sends her kind love and
expects a long letter from you soon.

All the children unite with
me in affectionate regards, both to
you and Mr. Dawson.

~~and~~ I remain

Yours always

Peter Bell

