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by steamer. I cannot trust <sup>you to any</sup> <sup>other</sup> <sup>mode</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>conveyance</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>shall</sup> <sup>endeavour</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>provide</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>means</sup> <sup>enough</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>do</sup> <sup>so</sup>.

I am surprised to learn that one of my letters has not reached you. I have written by every packet and shall continue to do so.

Do not deny yourself anything that you really need in the way of dress or anything that you think necessary in the way of acknowledgment for the hospitality of your friends, and if you need more money than I send let me know.

I sent Sam young a summary of your information about his boys. Mr Stirling is at present in Peterborough, and I think to be here all winter, as nothing can be done at his granaries in winter. I gave the samples silk to Mrs Purves, but as you have heard nothing from her. My mother prefers the cheapest silk, that at 3/6. She says you know the quantity.

Anna Lois is as fat as ever, and quite well. She is advancing fast in her speaking though she does not speak so distinctly as George. She is on the whole good but very active and restless, not at all unobedient however she gets a sleigh ride now and then, and has



lately been greatly taken up with a flock  
of toy geese. She is now quite as fond  
of pictures and stories as George used  
to be, and she and I make great drawings  
of swans and geese, pupies &c, in the evenings.  
She still likes to hear of mamma and George  
and occasionally recalls remembrances of shelling  
peas sitting in the coach with George &c, but  
I fear her remembrance of their appearance  
will ~~not~~ not last long, unless the dia-  
gnostics which are a great comfort  
both to me and her, keep it up.  
It might be well to give George any oppor-  
tunity that the young girls have of pleasing  
Grandpa, by way of preventing him from  
going "wild." I see little George Thurston is  
learning his letters and has been rigged  
up in surtout and trousers quite like  
a man.

Many persons here have been  
suffering from colds, occasioned I suppose  
by the unsettled and stormy weather which  
has continued almost until now. Father,  
Daniel, Ann, Agnes and Nancy have all  
had it. The rest of us have escaped. Mrs  
Robert's family have all been laid up, and  
Isabel I fear is somewhat seriously ill. I gave  
you message to Miss Dawson. They have had a  
grand Barnard in New years day. I was not at it.



Mr Anderson whom I met on the street  
told me I must buy a group of umbrellas which  
she had and send them to you. I calcu-  
lated however that it would be more easy  
and useful to send you the money. Miss  
Clare had 3 large groups of wax flowers; two  
of them were engaged before the bureau. She  
had imported two shades as I was told  
larger than yours, and which cost only  
a dollar each! I did not see them however.  
The House of Assembly meets on the 24th  
and I may have to be in Halifax for  
a week or so in February; but I can trust  
Anna very well with Nancy, as she is very careful.

We are all quite well when I close this.

I have directed Messrs Orr & Son  
Glasgow to remit you £40 or nearly  
that amount out of a Bill which  
we have sent to them. I would have  
sent direct to yourself but could not  
get a bill in time. I also enclose a  
Bank of England note for £5. (No<sup>P</sup> B 51046)  
Out of this money I wish you to keep say  
£25 towards your passage in steamer if you  
can do so conveniently. Let me know if you  
receive the £40. I wish you a very happy New  
Year and many many returns of it with your dear  
living husband, who long embraces me more his  
dear wife and George. My love to all your friends. Best  
wishes from father & mother. May God bless you.  
William