

Halifax, March 3, 1853.

Dearest Margaret,

I am still in Halifax; but
would have left before this had I
not had a prospect of doing some-
thing this week. The Edl. Committee
has now begun its meetings, and
the question of seppment is to be
discussed next Saturday so I
must wait a few days longer.

Letter from Father received
this morning informs me that Anna
Lis is quite well; as ~~well~~ are all the
rest at home.

I have just received with
very much pleasure yours of Feb 17,
and have time to answer it before
arrival of Boston Steamer.

In my last I gave you
my opinion about coming by steamer.
I expect you will do so, and not think

of a sailing vessel. The difference of
expense is nothing compared with the
safety and comfort; and the Cathar-
vine Glen is a sufficient experience of
Mr Kenne's & Kiddston's ships. You must
not disappoint me by being later than
the middle of April boat, ^(Apr. 16. I believe) unless some-
thing unforeseen prevent you. I should
prefer the 2nd of April, for it is still
near two months till the middle of April
boat can be expected to arrive. It is
pleasant to hear that your friends
wish to detain you, but they must re-
member that it is a great sacrifice
to me to be without you even till April.

I have no doubt the view will be
all that we can wish. Those that they
sell here of Halifax are very coarse things.
I thank you for attending to the papers
and crocheted patterns. The latter I have no
doubt will be just the thing.

I am sorry that your teeth have
been troubling you, but glad that you

have got quit of that very troublesome one.
You need not ask if I grudge 15/ to get
it done, not if I can get the rest "repaired"
so as to save toothache, would I grudge us much
more.

My only fear is that you may
yet not have enough money to meet
all expenses. Reserve enough to pay your
expenses to Liverpool and postage. I
shall meet you here, and of course
do the rest. If I could get a British
note here I would enclose it in this, but
cannot. The order you have sent I
do not need to use for myself; but if
you needed it, I would draw it at once.
However as you do not say that you re-
quire it, I had better perhaps do nothing
with it, unless in your next you say that you require it.

I am as yet very uncertain about
the results of my Educ. measures. Do not be
disappointed if little satisfactory be done,
as party spirit runs as high as ever. Railway
affairs are still unsettled. Pictou gas company liked

to go into operation immediately. Orders for the apparatus to be sent away soon. A. P. Rof, has got up an american company to build a mile & a fifth railway to get his free stone out. G. R. Young Mrs Thomson left this morning for the States on a tour for the health of the former. I hope it will do him good. Saw to day Mrs Cathcart Thomson. Poor little woman she looks very wretched. Her health, as well as her feelings, seems to have received a severe shock by the death of her child.

I am as you may suppose wearied with my long stay here. With you so far away, it seems a great deal more lonely than if you were in Boston, and I often feel anxious about poor little Anna. From father's letters, however, I infer she is quite contented. It will truly be a very great pleasure to see you again and to have our little family reunited. It seems as if nothing in the world would be worth stumbling at if we were all together once more. It is my daily prayer that our good Father may grant us this blessing and all happiness & health in the mean time to you and dear little George. Tell George that I wish very much to play with him again.

We have still had nothing worthy
the name of winter - all mild
weather and no snow. I hope
you will not bring it with you in April.

The printing of my Report is
not finished, so cannot send you
a copy by this mail. I send a
Hullfax paper with notice of papers
on Higgins Reports and a lot of
child's papers.

My next letter will be from Pictou
by the steamer leaving this on the 17th or
18th. My next, by the steamer leaving here
on the 31st or 1st Apr, will be the last that
you can receive before leaving. In Pictou
I shall not receive your next till after
departure of steamer for Port-au-Pas, consequently cannot
answer till boat of the 31st or 1st Apr; so your
next will be the last letter that I can an-
swer. You can however write of the steamers
leaving Liverpool on the 19th March and 2^d April

though I cannot answer either in
time to reach you before of you leave,
if you leave by the boat of the 16th. You
cannot therefore answer this in time for
me to reply; so if through any accident
or miscalculation you find yourself
short of cash, you must borrow a few
pounds from some of your friends and
write to me, and I shall have the
money on the way to them by next mail
following. I hope however you will not
need to do so.

With all good wishes and
sincere longing to have you again
to myself. Yours ever loving
William.