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My dear Aunt,

I humbly beg your
pardon for my very, very long
silence. I also thank you most heartily
for y^r. last bag & kind letter with
the enclosed photograph of McGill
College which I prize very highly.

I suppose that when mama
wrote to you she would give you
all the particulars of what had
transpired during the last two or
three months. The want of appearance
of letters from me has arisen principally
from the repeated attacks of indisposi-
tion I have had, & from which last
attack I am only recovering as the black
compartments on my head may testify, & ever

Hope they will
be as promised
fulfilled.
Sending love

My dear Aunt
I am
yours affectionately
Mary

drawing this winter from having been
so unpropitiously unwell, but I
am however getting on very well
I am now drawing flowers from nature,
& like them very much; the first
of this month was the beginning of
the summer season & to my surprise,
two of the Misses Crawford came in
to attend the class at the same
hour, I thought they had returned
to Montreal as I had not seen nor
heard any thing of them for a year.

I neither saw Mr. Mackay nor
Miss Gordon when they called before
returning home, as I happened to
be staying in Laurent's place at the
time for which I was very sorry, I
only saw Miss G. once & that for
scarcely a quarter of an hour.

If you mean by your question
to ask if there are any amongst
the christians with whom I associate,
that are gifted for visiting the

since I got out of bed after the
Diarrhoea I have been troubled with
gout in my left foot which is
somewhat better but not gone; all
the other members of the family are
well, Aunt Heghorn & family are
also well, but for Aunt Primrose's I
cannot say so much, as both she &
Uncle have since the recovery of Alfred
from fever been laid up themselves,
in Uncle's case, the D. at first was
afraid of fever, but with care it
merely turned into a smart influenza
cold, Aunt was laid up at the same
time, with the old complaint her back,
a cold, & violent headache, neither
of them having been up at meeting
for five or six weeks, Jesse Heghorn
went down to stay & take care of them
for two or three weeks, they are now
better again & Jesse has returned
home.

I have lost a good deal of my

sick; I may say, there are many thoroughly spiritually minded who devote themselves to visiting the poor & sick.

Our Pastor J^r Kemp has had occasion to rejoice in the conversion of a young son & daughter within the last four months; there are additions every now & then, at Busto place, by baptism two were baptised on Sabbath night, one a young girl, the other a married person.

After getting thus far, another letter has arrived from Montreal, some of the news in which, I am very sorry to hear of, namely concerning Mr. Steaming, Mr. L. & Miss Ship's Maggie Red's heavy affliction with which I warmly sympathise.

I have not been working the machine much for some time except for trifling things, but will probably be making something greater soon.

My time is fully occupied from half
past four till half past nine, first
with the music of the twins, & then
with the preparation of the forenoon
lessons for school. I am glad to hear
George, Anna, & William, are getting on
so well with their studies.

We had letters from Matthewson lately he
was quite well, & still liking the country,
but in our last from Gordon he had been
laid aside from duty by ague, the D^r seemed
to think the climate w^o not suit him,
& ordered him home but he getting better
was desirous of making a further trial
before taking such a step, his last was
written in their winter season, which he
says is here as hot as our summer, so we
will be kept rather suspicious till we
hear from him again.

You ask whether Anna's hair is beginning
to change colour, there are a very few
grey hairs, but you will be still more
astonished when I tell you that mine

Letter from sister Jane -
very special

is also streaked with silver, but con-
sidering that grey hairs are honourable
they do not disturb me.

Mumt. L. received the book you sent.
Ellen also thanks Anna for her letter,
which she hopes to answer soon.

If possible you might weigh up
letters before sliding them away as there
was a shilling to pay this time, but
Anna paid it with pleasure she
was so pleased to receive a letter from
you.

Dear Mumt. do not trouble yourself any
further about the book, but put the
money little though it be, into the
box on Sabbath, for the poor of the church.
I will endeavour to do something about
the other matter, & send as soon as
possible.

I have had my L. & T. retaken one of
which I will send you again, there
being no room this time.

If ever you see either of the Ships Coast