

Belleisle May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1792

Dear Mrs Dawson

I have to return to ledge  
with many thanks both your letters  
the missing one being forwarded to me  
immediately on my applying for it  
at the Kingston P. O.

You may judge our surprise at  
learning Mr. Adams's decision  
when I told you Miss Bullbridge had a  
letter from her written only 4 days  
previous to the date of Gow's in  
which she expressed her willingness  
& pleasure at the prospect of securing  
her work here & added she was  
only waiting her Daughter's return  
from the States to have an early  
May when she would be in readiness



to they our summons. I am sorry to be  
obliged to add that she has not dealt  
candidly with us - she has evaded  
all direct questions in her correspondence  
even complaining that Miss W's letters  
were too business-like. It was not  
until Miss W. repeatedly urged her to  
state the nature of her engagement  
with you that she replied "3 months  
notice would be required before she  
could leave Montreal unless you  
waived your right to it". I understand  
from your letter that she is not legally  
bound to you beyond last month -  
there is a discrepancy here that requires  
explanation -

We feel greatly indebted to you and  
Miss W. for your kind sympathetic  
willingness to aid us and thank you  
very much for the offer of Mrs. W. Robinson

But 2 months engagement would  
not suit us for many reasons -  
it might render the people visited.



Dissatisfied with a change, besides,  
more to our expenses than we should feel  
justified in undertaking, as we should  
have to pay Mr. W. Holman's travelling  
expenses to & fro. and her Board  
would cost us more than we are in  
the habit of paying our Bible woman,  
as she could not manage to manage for  
herself during so short a period, —  
we have some hope of being able to  
procure the services of an experienced  
Bible woman who is just on her  
passage to this country having been  
employed in Hamilton Scotland  
for 12 years. A niece who accompa-  
nies her is coming to visit us here,  
with Mr. J. Wallbridge and we hope to  
hear of her on her arrival. In any  
case I feel sure that our hindrances  
are providential & permitted in order  
to stir us up to greater zeal in the  
work. — Our late Bible woman was  
I believe sent to us in answer to



prayer, she is an earnest simple minded  
Christian & turned on her work  
Most conscientiously & we regretted the  
loss of her services - I have no doubt  
Mrs Hayward is quite right as regards  
the selections of workers from among  
the people by whom she is surrounded  
as probably the best adapted for London  
& other large cities, but in a place like  
Belleville it is very different, here being  
she is supposed to know their neighbour's  
affairs much better than their own, &  
not only the antecedents of the individual  
would be misapprehended, but here she unfor-  
tunately to have some questionable  
relations she would find it difficult  
to make her way amongst the people  
besides when a stranger comes to a new  
place, there is less temptation to gossip -  
indeed we have never yet heard of any  
person here at all suitable for the work  
who would be at liberty to undertake  
it, therefore should you meet with one



likely to prove eligible we should be  
greatly obliged by your naming  
her to us - I sincerely hope you may be  
able soon to replace the one about to  
leave the Hospital for it is a very  
important post - but you have a  
large field to choose from there  
we have - Still we must  
The Lord can provide -  
Wishing you & your Fellow workers  
the Divine guidance & blessing upon  
your labours, I with renewed  
thanks for all your kindness  
I remain

Most sincerely yours

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