



Mrs Harrington 1878  
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My dear Mrs. Dawson.

I would have answered your New Years' greeting before this, but we have been enjoying a kind, pleasant, visit from Miss Hill and have deferred writing till we were alone. As Sunday is not out I can now thank you for your good wishes and reciprocate them with sincere good will. Especially, I feel inclined to say - may you & yours be kept in health & able to engage in the active duties of life. But how little we know what is best for ourselves or our friends! - I will not detain you by giving particulars about myself or Mary as I suppose you hear through Bernard and Anna. I am thankful to be able to move about the house a little. To have first laid up with such an alarming disease, I was so impressed with the idea that it was my final summons, that I cannot allow myself to



anticipate, I live day by day,  
Thankful for its mercies - all-  
vications or enjoyments - and  
allowing my family to be as  
hopeful as they can be. For  
their sake I pray that my life  
may be spared. I often think  
what a blessing to us all dear  
Anna's recovery was. Unavoidable  
circumstances are preventing our  
seeing much of her, and know-  
ing her more intimately - her let-  
ters however are familiar ones,  
full of their own affairs - especi-  
ally of baby's progress, and we  
rejoice them. I hope you will  
not be cheated out of Bernard's  
visit. The winter journey up  
here is so shortened by the  
La Cite railroad, he could  
come up Saturday Evening and  
return Monday Noon. -  
We were sorry that Miss Hill's  
visit was prevented her being  
at Miss Giles' marriage. The  
change of plans must have  
been very late, or she would  
have been notified. She has  
never met Dr Hunt. Notwith-  
standing Anna's treatment of



her, she has a Mother's in-  
-terest for her and is full of  
charitable allowance for her  
peculiarities. - I do sincere-  
ly hope this marriage may  
result happily and quietly  
enjoy thinking of Miss Gale  
with a legitimate and perma-  
nent protector.

I am glad to hear there is pros-  
pect of The Science School be-  
ing in better position - pioneers  
have the hard work always.

It seems as if Bernard not only  
deserved more remuneration but  
time for relaxation.

The are pained by the news just  
rec that Mr. Mallow is so very  
poorly and suffering so much!

We were very sorry for the in-  
-spection in Lauris Studies and hope  
she is in more favorable circumstan-  
ces now for practising - study and  
society. Though I know Father  
Misses her. I remember with  
gratitude your kindness to her.

Please remember me to Dr Dawson  
and the other members of your fam-  
ily with kindest regards and

Believe me dear Mr Dawson

Yours affectionately  
Laura Harrington.