

I wrote to
New York about
your black velvet
case: I did not get any
before leaving you

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Mrs R. Peepers

Isaac Walton.

Dove Dale.

July 19th. 1878.

My very dear Mrs Dawson.

I will at least com-
mence a note to you from
this lovely place, I have
wished in vain, to write to
you ever since our arrival
in England.

Our voyage was very un-
pleasant, & as usual, I was
miserable all the time, but
my good husband, by his at-
tention preserved some of the

lovely flowers you so kindly
brought to the boat till our
arrival, which they found a place
on the Dinner Table at my
sister (Mrs Chadwick's) that be-
-ing my birthday. Loving thoughts
were expressed for the queen.
I have tried it was of you and
Dr Dawson to write & say good-
-bye, we were very sorry to leave
our friends in Montreal.

Now, that we are here, we en-
-joy everything, first of all we
visited our friends, then we
went to London which we greatly
enjoy, we have some choice
friends there.

About a fortnight ago we left
Town for a tour through Derbyshire.
We have visited Mallock Bath
whence we went to Chatsworth,
Baddon Hall, Wingfield Manor,
Hardwick Hall, Bolsover Castle
Chesterfield - Hardwick Hall
is one of the very best specimens

of an Elizabethan Mansion in
England and the furniture
some three hundred, and fifty
years old, for the most part
still remains in it. There is
nothing more modern in the
building, unless a statue of
Mary Queen of Scots, by Westmacott,
may be considered. Mary was
a prisoner in charge of the
Countess of Shrewsbury the build-
-ed of the mansion, for years,
but the present building was
only commenced after her
execution. Part of the old
mansion still stands a ruin.
From Mallock we went to Barton,
visited Castleton, & Jack Castle
(the Castle of Joceril) and Jack
Cavern, & the Blue John Baven.
Yesterday we came here, visiting
on our way Alton Towers, and
the very beautiful gardens

woods &c. A Monument to
one of the late Earls, proclaims
"He made the Desert Blossom
as the Rose". This is indeed a
very lovely Place.

The first of Aug: must be spent
in London, that day being my
Husband's birth day (after which)
we leave Town on the third
to spend three or four days
with Mrs Armstrong at
Grasmere, from thence we go to
Scotland to visit some friends,
and to see that glorious Country.
Early in September we hope
to leave London for Paris,
my Husband thinks we may
remain a month there, after
that time our movements
are uncertain!

We greatly regret to hear of the
Manner ^{in which} Mrs Machin closed her
engagements with the Hospital

London July 24th.

She might have left
with the respect of some
but I fear she has done all
in her power to annoy &
inconvenience those who
have so much anxiety &
care about the Hospital.
We were greatly relieved
to learn by the last few
mails, how fortunate we
have been in Miss Remier
having taken charge she
is a grand, unselfish
woman, and we feel
that the important post-
has never been so filled.
God has indeed come to
our help in the time of
need, & I doubt not the
Bib have the prayers of
His children, that His love,
and strength, may be given

To her, for her blessed work.
How very sad for Mrs George
Needham to have lost her
little girl so suddenly.
I hope they all are now
in heaven. I think my
husband has been writing
to Dr. Dawson lately, I hope
that he is enjoying some rest
in your pleasant home at Met.
With you please remember us
to him & Mr & Mrs Harrington,
& the dear boy. I hope all
will return from the Coast-
much refreshed. I feel quite
sure you will go & see Miss
Bunker when you do.

I feel very sorry that we are
absent when we might be
a little help, & comfort to her,
for she has had a most trying
time. Accept a large share
of love for yourself from
Your sincerely affectionate friend
Grace Needham.