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My dear Mr. Dawson

I feel I have  
been very remiss  
in not writing before  
so thank you for the  
little remembrance  
you so kindly sent  
me by Mr. Parker  
how very good of you  
to remember me -

Thyppie - I often talk  
of the days gone by  
when Anna & the two  
girls at school & the  
pleasant evenings


The passed in your  
house  you were  
always so very  
kind to me. The

Students practices I always  
enjoyed - do you continue  
them still? -

are you as much  
occupied as ever?  
here the work is very  
different - we have  
no paupers. must a  
few now & again to  
assist who have been  
brought low by sickness  
The greatest difficulty  
is to find a woman  
to come & wash or

work for you - for as  
the husbands can  
always get work &  
good pay the wives  
take it easy. The Irish  
are the people we  
first who are ready  
to earn - as for servants  
they are few & the  
best wages given  
many families do with-  
out them. As you walk  
the streets you hear of  
nothing but land  
speculations. people  
are just as if they  
were mad. selling  
& buying & making

Thousands in a short  
Time - where is this  
to end! - Thinking  
Men say we long  
a change will come  
this fumbling cannot  
continue. I have  
met some very  
excellent people & I  
am sure their  
example will be  
of great benefit -  
The young Men's  
Christian Association  
is doing a good  
work & keeping

Many a young  
man  from  
the Bar Room -  
as the Red River  
water is bad for  
drinking purposes  
& the Wells sometimes  
run dry in summer  
But I repeat to say  
is the common  
drink of the multitudes  
Milk is scarce &  
very dear in winter.  
Maggie is well. Mr.  
Foster has a bad  
cold. The children

now apace - The  
Boy is really  
a most interesting  
original child. He  
has such a memory  
can repeat verses  
from the Bible  
he has heard the  
girls say - & can nearly  
say the Lord's Prayer  
He will require to  
be carefully brought  
up. for he is determined  
but very affectionate  
& generous. The Baby  
is a fine child, but

very cross!!

Dora is well & her  
her husband have  
just left us, she  
desires her best  
love. Her house  
is very nice &  
comfortable. I often  
wish the snow  
was not so heavy  
on the Prairie between  
us & her home,  
but before long  
it will be more  
built on. I am  
a good walker  
still but feel  
age creeping on.

I met Mrs Harding  
lately she was Miss  
Leslie of Toronto &  
married a few months  
ago ~~she~~ her husband  
are excellent people  
& belong to the brethren  
you may have known  
she Leslie of Toronto.  
our kindest love  
to dear Anna. I hope  
her dear children are  
well my best love  
to V. Dawson I trust  
he enjoys good health  
& with every affectionate  
greeting in love & yours  
Believe me  
Yours very sincerely  
Ann Pear