

Mr. M. Carpenter  
nice letter.

Mr Towne  
Bethel M.E.  
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Dearest Sister Dawson

How the time passes! Three weeks to day that we are here & I really think we are both improved much, in health, I mean.

Thank you very much for your dear letter which I received with one of Mrs. Harrington's the same eve: that I had put one for you & her into the box. After that I had one from Dear Eva & a scrap from her & I learned with very great pleasure that the chicks are now

well. I do hope that they  
will remain so & that  
dear Anna will be able  
to rest & get strength.  
Please dearest Friend  
will you let me have  
Rankine's address, I have  
written every year for  
his birthday & I should  
not like to miss this  
year. Will Eva return  
soon or will she stay  
longer at Metis?

Did you suffer much  
from the heat? Now &  
then we have it very  
hot & damp, but the

wind makes it soon pleasant again. The dew lies every morn: very heavy on the grass, but at "noon it has paped away" & then fancy me lying all day in a hammock, which I have learned to call the greatest luxury. I have never found kinder people to their boarders than these here are. They have everything so perfect in their cooking & they are so anxious

to please. Mosquito frames  
in all windows & doors, so  
the house is free from  
these evils as well as from  
flies & there are very  
few outside the house.

There were 2 people from  
Boston here who left this  
morn & the husband in-  
vited me & another lady  
last Saturday to go a  
long drive 3 hours & a half,

we united last week  
also to go as long a one  
before this gentleman  
came in another direction  
& Oh, the beauty of the  
scenery is so grand & varied

we were twice close under  
the hills & the rivers  
the Androscoggin & the  
Sundayriver are so lovely,  
I wish you were all here  
to enjoy it with me.

There are 4 ladies expected  
to day from Boston,  
one has to take care not  
to forget the Queen's  
English!

I suppose Dr Dawson is  
now about starting for  
the States, I wish you  
were here, tho! it is very  
homely!

Is it not sad about Mrs

Moat? I was very much  
shocked to read of her  
death, & the next day  
Mrs Pice's death.

There are only now the  
two girls left of the whole  
Grothingam family.

I am sorry for Mr Moat.

Now dearest Mrs. Danson

Yours most lovingly

W M Carpenter

Jane is looking  
much better.