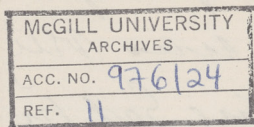


D. P. Dennis



Lahley - Syria -  
May 15 - 40 / 84.

My dear Mrs Dawson,

The beautiful  
box of minerals arrived last  
evening quite safely -  
I wish you could have heard  
Alfred's expressions of delight.  
"Isn't it magnificent? How  
can I ever thank Dr Dawson  
enough? Mama I think  
God knew it was very hard  
for me to be with out my  
companions & so He put  
it into Dr Dawson's heart to  
give me this great pleasure."

When he said his prayers  
in the evening he was very  
earnest in thanking God for  
all his mercies & asking bless-  
ings on "all the Dawsons" -  
He has been as busy as a  
bee to-day comparing, exam-  
ining, hunting out names  
&c - It certainly was  
very kind & thoughtful in  
your good husband to  
remember our little boy  
in this way & we all  
appreciate the gift &  
enjoy its attractions -  
I wrote Miss Dawson re-  
cently acknowledging other  
kindnesses - I wrote her

about the illness of the  
youngest child of Mr  
Dale - The little creature  
improved somewhat &  
they sailed from Byron,  
but before they reached  
Alexandria she died -

They had terrible weather  
& in the midst of a tempest  
she passed away - They had  
a very distressing time in  
various ways finding delays  
& difficulties in getting per-  
mission from the Board of  
Health in Alexandria to bury  
the child on shore, but they  
were finally able to do so -  
They have continued their

journey to Liverpool now  
in the Papiammi Steamer  
they had taken -

I trust you are all  
quite well & having happy  
days - Alfred is intending  
to write a letter himself  
expressing his thanks -  
With warm regards  
for you all from Mrs  
Dennis & myself

Very sincerely yours

May Anne Dennis -

(Mrs James S. Dennis  
American Mission  
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