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My dear Mrs Dawson

I scarcely know how
to apologise for not
having written long before
this to congratulate you on
your new home as
I am I mean but my
time and thoughts have
been occupied this spring
with weathers. Our children
have never until now had
any of the usual childish
complaints but hooping cough
and after my present experience
I would recommend all

mothers to try & have them all
over in the nursery. First
Maggie, the eldest, was laid
down, then after her recovery,
Alice, and Arthur who had
been home for his Easter
Holidays, took ill at school
near London, and gave
the complaint to his three
sisters, much to the displeasure
of the authorities there. We
had sent him to the house
of a friend whenever Maggie
took ill, & had no reason to
think that he was infected.
But such an accident have
I now had with it all. How-
ever, we are all now here
for change of air, and

there seem to be no bad results
except a little tenderness
of their eyes which we hope
will soon leave them.

However I must not fill
this sheet with our own
affairs. I hope Anna and
her little one are doing
well. You will find it
doubtly pleasant to have
news so near you now.

Will you kindly give her
my best wishes & sympathy.

Patience! We are all interested
to know the same piece
to the newly arrived stranger.

You kindly asked me to
give you an idea what
our young people are about.

Maggie has of course left

school, but still takes
sessions in some branches. For
the last two winters we have
had lecturers from Cambridge
at Bevington, near us, a great
boom to Ladies, especially as
they are in the afternoon.

Ladies attract them with
several of their daughters
if old enough. There is at
Miss Hill School, a very good
non-conformist establishment
then near us to London
gives them the advantage
of lecturers from there.

I am sorry to say that though
a diligent scholar, A. had
no special liking for either
literary or scientific pursuits.
He is likely to go into the office
with his father when he comes

school. We would like him
to go to Germany or France to be
familiarized with the different
languages. But there are
difficulties in the way so
that it is not yet decided on.
Carrie the next fall is if all
falls well, to be at Kitterhoun
in autumn at a place from
which they attend the Ladies
College lectures and also
is to remain at home for some
time. You will probably be
leaving about this time for
your summer quarters. I
wish it was possible for
you to be here. In the season
July and August, Sandwich
is too fashionable for enjoy-
ment, but now it is charming.
We have sea and mountains

air, cliffs to climb, walks and
chines, and we also within
easy reach of some of the loveliest
Scenery. Left Tuesday when
Mr Gow was down, we left
at 11 A.M. for an excursion by
rail and carriage, & returned
the same evening, having been
conducted by Bettles of Caer
by Snowdon, through the
Park of Stamburgh, & home by
Carnarvon and the Brecon
Stait. We had a tempest
of rain and wind of Snowdon
but thoroughly enjoyed the
trip, and were no worse for
the wetting. Mrs. and Miss
she last wrote was with her
family quite well. They too
had measles, and indeed

Maggie took the infection
from them. Mr & Mrs Scott
and Minnie, are now, if
nothing has prevented at
St. Key. Have you seen a book
"A Summer in St. Key" I think
it has been the cause of the
journey. I don't know if you
have heard of poor Minnie's
unfortunate engagement
& its termination. You probably
may as it is widely known
or I would not after all
this time mention it. She
was to have been married in
August but Uncle John, who
had never approved of the
affair, as he intended

Mr. Hill, a lawyer in Erie
County, was twenty years older
than herself because so very

decided in his opposition
and represented the case so
strongly to Minnie, that she
broke off the engagement,
to the relief of most of her friends
who felt that she was throwing
herself away. No one blamed her
in any way, but anything of
the sort is always to say the
least of it, unpleasant.

Your true and paternal love
is quite exhausted, I fear,
With kindest regards to
your husband and children
believe me, dear Mrs Dawson
Your affectionate Cousin
Jane Crow