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My Dear Jan & Mr Newson

I received your very kind letter and was very glad to hear from you about the family  
 I am glad to know that George has been receiving Honours and that Collegen conferred on him it must be such a comfort to you that he is able to fill a usefull place in the world and do credit to his family and himself  
 My own (very very glad) at his success in these his undertakings

and now that you  
have Him Home for  
the winter must be  
very pleasant and  
I am sure Betty will  
be quite an important  
Event in the family  
I am so glad it looks  
like the family  
it must be a long  
Baby from what you  
say and no doubt  
will be almost spoiled  
among you all  
but I hope it may  
grow good and great  
like its Grandpa  
it does seem so  
I am for yours  
I wish to have a Baby  
and you to be a  
Grandma but time

Girls and they must  
soon take the Place  
of them. I think while  
I was in Pictou I went  
to the Old Buying Ground  
and seen the Graves of  
so many that I used  
to know which made  
me feel that in a  
little time not long  
sh the world and what  
does it signify all of  
<sup>us</sup> must soon be like  
leaves of grass from this  
Buy ground.  
I spent most of  
the Summer in Pictou  
and had a nice  
quiet time mostly in  
the County he rented  
my House in St John  
(which by the by had a  
very narrow escape from  
being burned as the opposite

side of the street from  
as all papered they in  
the glasses our House  
still remains and our  
furniture also and  
in the mean time we  
are Boarding here  
The folks who are in  
the House wish to keep  
it on and if they do  
I think we will  
take a smaller House  
as I get tired of  
Boarding I have so  
little to do and no  
charge but after all  
there is nothing like  
a House of our own  
so that in the Spring we  
will try and get a  
Place again but it  
is so hard now to  
find one but we  
will try

The New Year Card  
which was sent came  
to hand and all  
I can do is to thank  
you for your very  
kind remembrance  
of me. May you  
and each yours be blessed  
and live to enjoy  
many many a happy  
New Year. You would  
be all together this  
one of pressure

What a comfort  
it must be to have  
one now having  
upon take the  
Place of Anne  
it will be such  
nice company for you

she will not be  
taken from you  
for some time  
I hope Perkins  
they tell me is  
a fine looking  
yellow and I  
doubt will take  
a useful place  
with the others so  
that you can have  
the pleasure of  
seeing them all  
grow up and take  
comfort and ease  
that work of singing  
if a church is  
over I have more  
of that work to  
do but always  
find that I can  
do something for

Others who have  
in the fine weather  
I go voyaged and  
visit friends  
and in stormy  
and cold days  
re-visit and work  
at knitting and  
sewing at home  
Some of our  
friends have been  
sorely tried by  
the fire and have  
to put up with great  
hardship and tribulation  
and some of  
them with whom we  
were intimate  
from over-attention and  
care and care  
each have passed away  
from here forever

My Sister Both I married  
Worship that I was intimate  
with here passed away quite  
suddenly the fever recovered  
from the shock  
and fatigue of time  
and passed two old  
ladies here also passed  
away but we hope all their  
troubles are now over  
we here much to be thankful  
that though we lost by the  
fire yet we did not lose  
our all like many and  
now I am quite comfortable  
and have a good place  
for the winter I will now  
close this letter with  
my thanks for your kind  
remembrance of me and  
wish very sleep may  
attend yours and your  
with kind regards to  
Mr Houston and George and