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I look back to Dr. Gile College as my Canadian home
Dear Mr. Fitch
is my brother &
worth now.

Dear Mr. Dawson

We hope to reach

Mobile tomorrow, so we have
all ceased idling (at which
we have by this time become
adepts) & taken to letter-
writing. Such a pleasant
voyage as we have had.

W's company has very
much added to my pleasure,
indeed she is a general
favourite with every one.

I don't think she has been
homesick & she has made
a splendid sailor. We
have all been quite well,

Aunt Jane is the only one of
our party who has been ill
at all & even she has not had
much to complain of.

Soon after writing you last
we got out to sea & on the
Sunday evening, not many of
the passengers attended the
service, that was the only
night that Eva was ill at all.

The next three or days were
more, or less foggy, principally
"more", however we walked
upon the deck for hours &
then rolled ourselves up in quiet
corners & read to each other.

We have various occupations,
& engagements. At half past
10 o'clock, there is a Bible-reading
conducted by Geo. Müller. It was

held in the cabin to begin with,
but when the fogs cleared off,
the Capt. gave us his chart room
wh is on deck & also his company,
both of which were great im-
provements. I am getting quite
fond of old Mr. Miller, he is so
grim, poor old gentleman, you
see a smile occasionally beaming
in the back parts of his countenance,
but whenever it begins to show through
the corners of his mouth, he pushes
it up & shuts it in tight. This morning
however he looked quite happy &
so far for got himself as to laugh.
I think he must be the kind
of man described as a "righteous
man", for whom I scarcely any
one would die. Dear me I hope
this not evil "writing" for I like
the old gentleman & he teaches me
so much, he so thoroughly knows the
word of God & explains it so clearly.

As to the Capt we all like him
immensely. I think he is a splendid
man, ruling this little Kingdom
of his for Christ. At 3 o'clock we
again go to the Chart room for
kettle drum - After a cup of tea
(W^h being the only good tea on board,
we all greatly enjoy) we have a
variety of amusements - Conversation
Readings, Music, Logomachic &c
Today there is to be a phrenology
lecture for Eva's special benefit
& a large attendance is expected.
It is generally nearly 5 o'clock
before we leave - Then we have
to play at shuffle-board &
walk & talk & eat our dinner.
At 8 there is another bible reading
in the Chart room till 9 o'clock
the Captain himself conducting
it. Eva has always gone in the
morning & very often at night.
Then if it is fine we walk again

2 & when we come down we have
music & hot lemonade. Alas
Alas, that is now a thing of the
past, for last night the lemons
were done, we were told. And
no wonder, for an advance guard
would come down, & order for
ten tumblers of lemonade for
a coming party. Papa says that
the stewards have been devoutly
wishing we were all ill & then
we would not be so hungry.

We have seen two or three small
ice-bergs, a few whales & porpoises
one or two distant vessels &
two fine sunsets, but it has
not been by the "eye-gate" that
much has entered our town
of Mansoul for the last
few days. We had such a
happy Sunday yesterday,
a bright warm day, indeed
since Thursday we have had

lovely weather - Mr. Müller gave
us a nice address in the morning -
at 7 o'clock a number of us, went
with the Capt. to the sailors service
in the fore-castle - Then we had
our own evening service, Major
Whittle & the Captain addressing
us - An after-service of song
& a walk on deck completed
a happy day -

Ma is filled with surprise
at the length of my letter &
I think you will agree with us
both, that it is time to bring it
to a close - Give Anna & her
little ones a great deal of
love - Please tell S. Geo. we
often wished we had had his
company & remember me most
kindly to him S. Dawson Hillway
& Rankin with love to yourself
in which mamma & Aunt
warmly unite Believe me
Yours affectionately
Jane Nelson