

My dear Miss Dawson

Your pretty and very acceptable letter to my dear wife you must allow me to answer, as she has just begun to be convalescent from a severe attack of illness - and must have perfect rest - She begs me to thank you heartily for your western butter - so ample in quantity as well as excellent in quality that we must ask an intimate friend not far off to take one of the large jars - thus enlarging the area of your benevolence

We thank you for a very pleasant letter - and we see that you fully partake of the female privilege of writing with a grace and a charm to which the clumsy pen of man cannot attain -

Your picture of the cave I shall keep in my portfolio, as the elaborate & successful work of a dear young friend - but I wish you had chosen a landscape - such as the Gorge at the head of the Valley of St Etienne &c.

— I know what made you choose this subject - and I prize the picture

Your brother George is looking very well - is pleased with his quarters, and with Mrs Guest - He is in full

work - and is determined to avail himself  
fully of his present privileges -

Dr Davis is a very agreeable man & a  
sensible and friendly one. - He takes a  
deep interest in George - I found Dr D  
at Georges the other day; attended himself  
in trouble with a sick daughter -

Dr D. told George to put his cheque for  
£70 in a Scotch Bank immediately; and  
gave him a letter of introduction to the  
Manager -

I hope George will send you Lady Lyells  
very pretty notes to him - asking him to  
dinner. which by my advice he has accept  
ed - I only fear that George will be  
tempted to walk too far over the long  
distances of London - but the safety &  
comfort of the home together with the  
nearness

nearness to Etheridge (a friendly and sensible man) are well worth certain disadvantages

As far as hitherto he has seen he likes the young man he has met with in his studies. He has entered London with many advantages — for this he is very grateful —

I should specially like to visit Canada again. Nothing the trouble sea-sickness to which I am subject prevents this —

Please to give our kindest regards to your father and mother. — & to remember me to Harry Hunt Logan and Billings —

George tells me that you are become quite a young lady — & I might not know you

With my wife sincere good wishes, very own

I am my dear Miss Dawson

Yours sincerely

J. S. Bigsby

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