

Scit. John April 10<sup>th</sup>

My Dear George

I was very much pleased to receive your letter by Grandpa's last and am very glad to hear that you are getting better and also that Grandpa and you are such very good friends it must be very pleasant to have a kind Grandpa beside you to give you sweeties and read to you long may you have him to do these little kindnesses for you

I suppose you will be all very busy about this time Gardening I should like very much to have a Garden here but Ground is scarce just beside us but then wherever we are we have some advantages as I have only to take a walk at any time <sup>in summer</sup> to see very fine Flower & vegetable Gardens Charlie our old clerk at Pictou wrote me a letter lately in which he said that they had a new supply of Seeds which they were making up for sale he also expressed the wish

that I were there

were ~~only~~ there to give them a hand  
as they find themselves rather awkward  
at that kind of work just yet he also  
sent me a Catalogue which I was quite  
pleased to see but I think Grandpa & Papa  
used to send out rather better got up ones  
if I can find it I will send it on to you

I am very much pleased to hear that your  
health is better than it was and hope that  
you will continue to improve and hope to  
see you on here shortly to pay me a visit  
and wish that the Journey may do you good

There is a Poor Young Lad here who has  
been very unwell all Winter and I fear he  
will not get soon better he is a Son of  
Donald Letherland formerly of Pictou) an only  
Son his Poor Papa has no one in the world  
to care for but him and has been his constant  
nurse both night and day so that at some times  
he is almost worn out but I am happy to  
say that his Father whom I seen to day  
seems to say that he is a good deal better and  
able to be out I must now close  
with love to you. *James*

My Dear Anna

I was quite pleased to see that you had not forgotten me and to receive your Letter you are getting to be quite a good writer and have improved very much since you last wrote to me You are getting along with your studies very well I should think from what you write to me I am glad you are getting along well with your Music and Singing it is so very pleasant to hear good Music and above all to be able to perform oneself. I have been always so passionately fond of Music myself and it will afford me very much pleasure by and by if spared to meet again to hear you I have heard a good deal of nice Music this winter and no person can enjoy a Good Concert or indeed any kind of Music than me from an Organ or Piano down to a Serenade Anna  
Mr. Phail writes a very nice Letter

indeed I had one from her lately and  
it was very nicely composed I sometimes  
hear about your old Schooldmistress Mrs. Potters  
she has been pretty well this winter  
We are all far away from Old Pictou  
but I often wander through our old Home  
And see all the Familiar Faces that  
I used to see at Home Even I often see  
Poor Grandma You will say How can you  
do that I answer in my Dreams  
but I suppose you have forgotten all  
about it and do not even dream of  
it now And I hope our changes  
have been for the better and not for the  
worse I think we can gratefully say  
that we have all pleasant Homes and  
that there are kind Friends Elsewhere as well  
as in Pictou And now my  
Dear Anna I must conclude by  
Asking you to Give Willie Miss Bell  
And all the rest my Love  
I Remain Yours Very Sincerely  
Signed