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My full love
Jan'y 1856

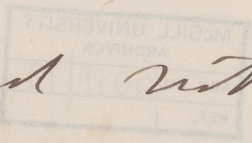
Dear Father

I have just
received yours of
Jan'y 8, and am
glad to hear of
your welfare. I am
however a little

puzzled by what
appears to be an
allusion to Agnes
being away as I

I have heard nothing
previous of any
such intention. I
trust she is not
going to leave ex-
cept for a house
of her own and
I so I beg of
you send further
to them in your
lot with us at
once as I am
quite certain that

Letter of Mrs
Lang 1855



You will find nothing
but a series of dis-
crepancies in any sube-
stantive for her manage-
ment. She has been
so long in the house
and knows so well
its usual management
that her departure
would mentally turn
everything into con-
fusion. That you
port your choice
of all the housekeepers

in the world. If Agnes
is leaving from any
notion of her own of
any other kind I wish
she would come here
as we would be very
glad to have her
for a time and
might perhaps in-
duce her to return.
At all events I shall
be glad to know to
what you refer

I enclose perhaps
receipt. I have not
yet got the apt
book from Ramsay.
I hope he is recovering,
and at any rate
I have no fear
of getting the books
you mention in the
spring. I shall write
to Mr. Jones about
the Apie book, and
tell him what I

think of their shot-
birds. He was the
party with whom I
treated about the work.

We have had here
an unusually cold
winter. The thermometer
one whole day averaging
-15° and another
day reaching -30° to -35°.

The river is frozen near
the rapids it is said
thru for 70 paces past.
We have not suffered
so far & had anything
has penetrated the ice.

and one of our concerns
has been want of water
from the puring of
the pumping machinery
at the river. The pipes
in our house have
been quite free from
rust.

We are all well
Margaret and the
children send their
love Anna encloses
a letter

Yours affectionately
W. Dawson

I shall have a line
this business. I may
add however that if
you should make
up your mind to leave
with us I shall be
glad to spend part
of next summer & aid
in arranging your affairs.

Ann's letter is
perhaps not very good,
she is improving however
and would write
often. but it takes
her a long time

W.D.