

those things and to experience them are two
very different things, he left us in good health
and spirits and I sincerely hope and trust
he may do well, with respect to
Jessie we are much relieved to hear that
you consider her quite better. You seem
to feel of quiet and reserved manner in not
frankly telling you how she is pleased
with your treatment of her, strange to say
the last letter she wrote to papa contained
the very same ideas on the subject that yours
did she says; I am sure my love for Aunt
would very much increase if I only knew
what she thinks of me whether I am a
burden or a help to her but that is a question
I will leave you to find out from Aunt her-
self that I may know whether I am to re-
main or return this year;

My dear Margaret does it not seem extraordinary
that instead of asking these questions at once
another you should both come to me who
am so many hundred miles off, but since
it is so I will give you the best advice I can
in the matter which is, as you are so much
older than her a Christian and a Mother that

as you engage her not her you it is your
privilege as well as your duty to speak first
and come to a regular understanding with
Jessie both as to how far you are pleased and
otherwise and also find out what her mind
is with respect to your treatment of her you
have both had a fair trial and it must
be left entirely between yourselves to decide
whether you can live agreeably together or
not. My only regret in sending out J is the
hurried way in which it was done there
might have been more questions asked and
answered but you are aware the lateness
of the season prevented this, I never for a
moment considered her education com-
plete or that she was fit to be a governess I
understood from your letters that was not
so much what you wanted as general
qualifications to make herself useful in
any way you might require whether in
teaching or house duties (but all under your
direction) I thought she possessed these in some
measure I trust however deficient, she is
willing, and the more trouble you take in
endeavouring to improve her manner or
in correcting her faults the more grateful I

will feel, if she should not receive these admonitions quite in the way she ought to do she must be lectured on the subject and treated as a young person of inexperience and having much to learn, the length to which I have spun out this appears rather formidable I should very much have preferred half an hour conversation as I find it difficult to let you know what I would like to say in few words.

In case what I have written should lead you to think that Jessie is discontented or unhappy so far from that she has never before so much as hinted at your not being satisfied, what I have told you was brought out by her Papa in writing lately urging her to exert herself in every way to please you, in sending her love to any of her old friends here tell them I am so happy and that I like Montreal very much. She speaks of William Bell being such a darling little boy she does not know how she could live without him and also mentions Mr Dawson's attention to her when she was ill in the strongest terms, I have not left myself time to tell some little things I intended as I have taken the whole day to this, and must write to Jessie however short.