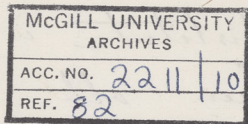


Letter  
Mrs Stewart St. John. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> / 59  
18 Nov. 1859



My dear Uncle

I received your letter  
last week and was happy to hear  
that your leg is improving some  
it has certainly been very tedious  
but I hope as the cold weather  
comes on you will find renewed  
strength & health. I think the  
climate of St. J. is very healthy  
at least I have never enjoyed better  
health than since coming on here  
I have been enjoying myself  
very much indeed. We had a  
fine large Soiree here lately (which  
I attended) in connection with the  
Young Mens Socy. it was said as  
many as 200 were present. My Aunt  
is also a member of the M. Institute  
The first Lecture for the season  
came off last night. The Library  
and Museum in connection with the

Institute is very excellent I have  
seen all round the Museum  
and seen many very curious things  
we have a very excellent chance of  
getting many very good works to  
read but indeed I have but very little  
time with going out and receiving people  
here. E. Dr. Donald from Pictou  
was here calling on us and we had  
him here spending the evening with  
us last Tuesday. He had also a young  
Minister Mr. Riddick with whom  
our folks were acquainted he called  
on us as he came on shore we invited  
him to put up with us he  
did so and remained with us  
the greater part of a week  
it seems very pleasant to have  
some of the Pictou folk with  
us occasionally I have attended  
the Free Church since coming on  
here. the Lords Supper was dispersed



about a week ago I went forward  
to the Table along with my  
husband & his sister it is dispensed  
here pretty much in the same manner  
as in Pretoria the Minister gave  
us some very excellent addresses  
they have been wanting me to  
take a Clap her in the S. School  
but if I can I think I will  
decline. My Husband has a Clap  
and takes a great interest in the  
School, if we are spared in health  
we I will have quite as many  
Meetings to attend to as I can  
well manage. there is the  
Prayer Meeting and the Young Men  
Sps<sup>rs</sup> which has their Lectures  
once a fortnight and also the  
Mechanics Institute which hold  
their Meetings once a week  
As my Husband is a Member of all  
these I suppose (As he seems desirous

for me to do so) I will have  
to attend them all of course there  
is a good deal of instruction derived from  
attending such places which perhaps may  
benefit me

About the Candle sticks

all I can recollect about them is this  
that when William was on to Pictou  
he spoke of sending the best Candlesticks  
on with the other thing but on seeing  
them he changed his mind and said  
they might be sold and to the best  
of my knowledge they were sold if  
you have the Auction Bills you  
will most likely find them in it  
for I can assure you I have a perfect  
relection of having all the best candle  
sticks on the Bedroom Table along  
with two Pairs of best Snuffers & Trays

I do not recollect anything of  
importance to communicate to you  
The whole Place has been in a very  
excited state about the late shocking  
Murders I send a Paper on to you  
with the Account of the whole  
I remain Yours very sincerely  
James