

Dr. Dawson
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Littlemetis
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Dear Dr. Dawson,

It is just a week to-night since we reached Metis, and a busy week it has been. There is such a dearth of work people here that it is almost impossible to get anything done unless you do it yourself, and I have had to turn carpenter, painter, glazier, gardener and errand-boy. Gradually we are getting broken down into something

will require them. The moving of the fence has greatly improved your property without seriously affecting ours. MacKider has planted a row of trees on each side of the fence, and they are all doing well, but are, to say the least, very small trees. The Darcy property is certainly a good investment and has far greater capacities than I at first supposed it will, however, require a great deal of work to get it into shape.

We are glad to get such good news of Eric, but sorry that you should have been obliged to look after him for so long a time. We look forward to his coming down with much pleasure as we have missed our only boy not a little. Poor little

like comfort and at least we cannot complain of having been interfered with by neighbours. To-day I succeeded in getting a man to cut the grass, or rather the dandelions - of which there is an amazing crop - and we expect a carpenter to-morrow.

We found everything at your cottage much as when we left last year; but have been greatly put out about the keys of the inside doors. I really feel quite ashamed about them as it was I who locked up the house. Possibly, however, they will yet turn up, and in the meantime I do not suppose the Skeltons

Clare continues to give us much anxiety. She has had no return of fever and for the first day or two seemed to be gaining strength; but the swelling on her neck has since increased and she is excessively irritable and very restless at night.

Yesterday was a very stormy day; but with that exception we have had charming weather - warm and pleasant during the day and not very cold at night.

Thank you for writing about the David Greenfield Chair if I am to be its occupant for the time being I shall do my best to discharge the incumbent duties faithfully. But experience has taught me

that "my best" does not mean very much, and I shall hope before very long to resign the Chair to some one better adapted for sitting in it. I wish that it were in the Faculty of Applied Science instead of in Arts, but suppose that could not be.

Do not think that I wish to be ungrateful for what may be regarded as a promotion. It is only that I feel myself more drawn to the Science Faculty than to the Arts.

With kindest remembrance to all your household
Believe me

Yours sincerely

B. J. Harrington.