

Halifax Friday Evng

Dear Margaret

I received yours of yesterday by  
mail today, and was at once re-  
lieved of all the suspense occasioned  
by the want of the expected Monday  
parcel. I have not yet rec<sup>d</sup> the parcel,  
It will get in pretty late this evening,  
and I shall not be able to go down  
to the office tonight. I will add to my let-  
ter to-morrow anything that may be  
required by its contents. I will attend  
to-morrow to your commission about  
needles though I am not very confi-  
dent of getting them. In the matter  
of crochery I think I shall try to get  
what is needed here cheap, and  
also some necessary articles of hardware.  
White dinner and tea sets are much  
in vogue here, and I think look very  
nice. Please say to Mother that Old



Mrs Brown died two days ago, the  
widow of Capt Brown with whom she  
came out from Scotland.

I have been thinking since I came  
here, that if you had a trial of Halifax  
life, you would be less particular in the  
matter of servants. They do get queer  
servants here, very fish; and every house-  
keeper is most terribly tormented with them.  
I have heard many strange stories of them  
since I came here.

I am glad to hear that you have been  
taking walks, though you can scarcely  
do so now, if you have such weather  
as we have here. Yesterday was a  
rather snow & rain storm, and  
at night the streets were 6 inches  
deep of slush and it was raining  
& blowing. Of course I could not  
muster an audience. I had been  
to go down to the College to see of any



one canoe, and though I had rubbers  
on and a large pilot cloth coat  
which Mr. Thomson loaned me, I got  
so wet that when I returned I went  
at once to Mrs. Marvins and stripped  
my clothes; and sat and read there  
by my fire till bed time. After reading  
for a while I took out your daguerstypie  
and began to examine it with a magnific  
ifying glass, and as I looked on your lovely  
features, I began to think of all that  
you had left for me, and of all your  
love and kindness; and I felt as if  
I could not do enough to show how  
much I love and value you; and  
then I felt that I was not doing  
as I should in being away so long  
from you. These and such thoughts  
made me feel sad, but the sunning  
of the wind then reminded me that  
I should feel thankful that I was at least  
on dry land, and had cause to thank



that you also were in a safe abode.  
Then I thought that perhaps by being  
here I might be able to do some for  
you when I returned, and so feeling more  
comfortable I read a chapter and prayed  
and went to my bed. To day I was  
occupied principally in arranging some  
minerals in the Mechanics Institute room  
room. I shall have an extra lecture  
on Tuesday, so as not to extend my time,  
three weeks more dear Margaret, and then  
I hope we shall be united again.

I am glad to hear that Master George  
is so stirring. Tell him that, for says he  
must be a good boy. If he be a sensible  
child, and have not forgotten that he  
has a "pa" that should be enough for him.

I have to day got the parcel inclosing  
the lamp top and pattern of tiles. Unfortunately  
you do not repeat the instructions about the latter,  
and I find I have not the former letter in my  
pocket. It is locked in my trunk at Mrs Mawkes,  
and I cannot get it in time for the mail  
I will however get it on Wednesday, and send



At by coach, as also the needles, lest I  
should not find the letter, (from accordance  
with your orders I have hurried some that  
I thought had no messages which I should  
attend to) please repeat the quantity in  
of my own letter to make sure.

It is a somewhat strange coincidence  
that I was thinking last Sabbath of the  
very same thing in respect to prayer that  
you mention.

My father mentions that Dr Anderson  
had offered to escort you, if you could  
come down with him, and leave baby.  
If you can do so you know I shall be  
very very happy to see you; but do  
nothing that might make you feel  
anxious or miserable on account of  
Baby when you were here. You must just  
balance the pleasure and the pain in  
your own mind and decide accordingly.

May God bless you in all things  
dearest Margaret  
I have written to father about the house camp, he  
will likely speak of it to you.  
Yours own  
William



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These are your remembrance  
of the good old days  
in a journal on Wednesday  
the papers are not to be  
for my letter. So I send you a  
small piece

HALIFAX  
PAID  
MAR 9  
1850  
NEW SCOTIA

Mrs J. M. Dawson  
Picton

PICTON  
MAY 10  
1850  
NS

As I have been looking  
for your mother and little  
and see they are  
had only in one sheet  
born, from English more