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Ingham Monday, July 8

Dearest Margaret,

My last was a very hurried note from Antigonish, I could not write from St Mary's & reach you any sooner than this will. I arrived at St Mary's on Wednesday evening after a long drive by a circuitous road which I took in order to see some schools. I went to Sherbrooke on Thursday, returning to Mr Campbell's ~~on~~ <sup>for</sup> the same day. We had a nice little meeting on Friday and I found a good deal of zeal for education.

On Saturday I left for this place the distance 34 miles, through a road cut through the woods, with scarcely any inhabitants except near the extreme ends. The woods were however in many places very beautiful and there was a great profusion of wild flowers. I have collected several fine specimens. The Linnaea was especially abundant. I have never seen such beds yet. They perfumed the woods for considerable distances. The road is rough and our progress was slow. Near Ingham the country becomes very picturesque. The

road runs along the north side of a deep  
Valley, (that of the Salmon R.) and on the  
opposite side there is a high and beautifully  
wooded ridge, presenting one of the finest  
hill sides I have seen in this country.  
Near Superior the road mounts to the  
top of a ridge whence there is a beauti-  
ful view of the harbour and bay and  
the country, partly wooded and partly  
cultivated surrounding them. The village  
here is about half the size of New Glasgow  
situated on hilly ground and some of the  
houses in its vicinity are fine. I shall try  
to sketch one of them.

On Sabbath I attended a Methodist  
Meeting and heard a good sermon on  
Christ's question to the blind man, "Believest  
thou in the Son of God?" In the afternoon  
I went to see an Episcopalian Sabbath  
School, where I saw a sister of Mrs. Brown-  
son's who is one of the teachers. The people  
here are chiefly Methodist, Episcopalian,  
Baptist & Catholic with a few Presbyterians.  
In the evening I went to an Episcopal  
Church & heard a read discourse and a  
very nice service. Really if you had  
to listen to such things you would think more  
of my way. I had the pleasure of hearing  
the baptismal service in which the child

was pronounced regenerate and duly  
signed with the cross  
To day I had the third edu-  
cational meeting held, rather a larger  
one than the others and much talking  
but no resolutions proposed. This is a  
backward place much in need of im-  
provement, in education as well as  
other matters

I feared that you would be  
disappointed by not having a letter. You  
must however not fear if do not  
receive a letter every mail, as in some  
cases it may as at St Marys be im-  
possible to send one. If I had thought of  
it I might have given you notice but it did  
not occur to me.

I am truly happy to hear of your  
being well and going too. Do not feel  
at all uneasy on account of me and make  
yourself as happy as you can. I am quite  
well and do not feel fatigued in any respect.  
I have ~~now~~ got three meetings out of seven  
over, so the time is wearing away.

I must subscribe here to a man, and on  
Wednesday go to the street of course. On Thursday  
evening I hope to be in Alford, so your next  
letter may be directed to that place.

May God bless & preserve you my dearest Margaret  
and grant us a happy reunion  
William

P.S. Had some straw berries at Mr Campbell's.

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