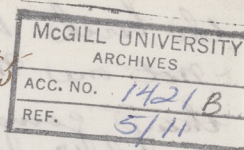


Dartmouth 25 June 1855



My Dear Mr Dawson

I duly receive your kind note
of 29 Feb. and a few days after sent
to Mr Grant cloth for a suit of clothes
for Mr Dawson, with the directing you
enclosed, and which I hope will
give equal satisfaction with that for
Mary got - We rejoice to hear of your
wellfare and surely trust it may be
long continued - I am thankful
to say that we are all in the en-
joyment of excellent health, we
have lately had another addition
to our number, in the shape of a
very fine healthy Boy named
George Merwin Clapham -
I hope he will inherit some of the
many good qualities of his name
Father - Mama a very stout, all round
by every person to be looking remarkably
well. She had quite got over her serious
illness in the Winter, and since

the birds had had an excellent recovery - not one minute to go back, every thing going on most favourable
Lester is at school here, and making progress in her education, you know she was always a great romp, and I think will continue so, however she is certainly getting better and becoming quite to Mamma

John goes still daily to Edinburgh and doing very well, he is a great thinking boy - very diligent at his lessons, and to show his anxiety he has of his own accord, once or fortnight all the winter, not only got up at 6 o'clock in the morning and walked to town to be in time to hear a Lecture

Salester is also at school and a Capital Scholar she is - reads well for her age, and very anxious to learn

Jane Maria and Louisa of course are at home, running and romping about, making all the noise they can, - wakening up their little Brother after much trouble in getting him asleep

Alas myself I never was better in
my life, enjoying excellent health and
spirit. Lucy in England lately
was not at Liverpool. but after
remembered the morning of the 16th
April 1853 — our New House is
not yet finished but will not be
long, we expect to get into it about
August — I think it will be a
pretty place — we will have a nice
large Garden, the half of it is already
planted with Potatoes, there is
very accommodator for Poultry, Pig
and Pony —

So much for a hasty account
of the family and future abode
— and now for a little about our
Friends, they are all much as
you left them — Maum was up
last night to Sea and walked
down in the Evening — Mrs Kell
and Mr Mathews from Galashells
was out on Friday and spent the
day — Mr & Mrs Mercer with Helen

and Anne came out the same Evening
so we had a regular turn out
Mr Mrs Meier are at Lasswade
just now - I saw James Bell
in London he is looking well, you
will have heard of the long journey
George & about to take - both of
them had fear to turn out Men of
sterling sound principle - Mr Bell him-
self is as usual wearing bustling
about ready and willing to do a kind
service to all he thinks deserving

Mr Anne on Monday has got
married, to a very amiable person
Mama and she are very intimate
we are on the most friendly terms
and find much pleasure in their
society - Mama desires me to say
that she is much indebted for your
kind present - she is quite delighted
with the little Boxes and has laid
them carefully aside to grace the new
Horse, and if you would like to see
the ground plan she will draw it
when Kate is a little older I need
not say Mama says me in the highest
Mr Cousin Henry ever possible comfort
and Blessing & Belong me yours in the bonds of love
David Cleghorn