

Carpenter July 17th

Murray Bay
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Dear Mrs Dawson,

I thought I would just write you a few lines & tell you about your dear children. Surely you are blessed! It does my heart good to see Miss D. how well she manages, how sweetly she speaks to the two children & still very firmly! Truly she will be a treasure to whoever may have the good luck to carry her off. W. too, to hear him read & pray in such a simple truly earnest way brings often tears to my eyes. I shall not ask you to forgive me for writing so plainly about what I think, I do feel that you know me & know how it is meant. We are very happy here. I am sure I am, you know how fond I am of the two younger children & I am very sorry

that I now lose Rankin. He will
of course be in Dr C's class & only
come in to me for some things.
I like this house very much,
it is really the purest air
which I have had here & much
nicer we think than the
house you had last year.

What a pleasure, dear Friend,
it will be when you come back.
I cant tell you how I missed
you, even though I did not
see you often.

Please give my love to Mr George
& tell him that Robbie is working
hard now. He works this summer
for his board at a farmer's near
Hastings in order to learn & as
this farmer is an old friend
we are very much pleased.

Were my husband here, he would
send many kind messages to you
both. Believe me dear

Mrs Dawson your loving friend
Mima McCarpent