

Bernard
Lake George

June 9th 1846

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Dear Mrs Dawson,

It was
my intention to send a few
lines to you with Anna's
letter this morning in order
that you might hear from
both sides of the house, but I
found that there was not
time as letters had to be
posted earlier than we
supposed. This evening
Anna has commenced a
"honey-moon diary" in which
all the important events
during our trip are to be noted

for reference in the future. She has just finished the first day's adventures and says that I must put down those of the second.

We have been favoured with delightful weather and are so glad that we have come to Lake George; there is such lovely scenery and so little of the travelling public to look at it as yet. We rowed about on the lake nearly all afternoon to day and Anna made, or rather commenced, a very pretty sketch. The hotel is quite close to the

water and there are always plenty of good boats to be had, so that we shall probably spend a good deal of our time on the lake.

In a day or two the whole family is going off for a pic-nic to one of the many islands which are to be seen in the distance.

You would be astonished if you could see what lazy people we have become; we spend nearly half our-time in sleeping and are sleepy during much of the other half- The effect no doubt of the fine

bracing air. Anna seems to
be getting really rested and
to be in good spirits, and
I hope to take her back
to Montreal looking ever
so much better than when
she left. Otherwise you
might think that I had
not taken good care of
her. I can assure you
that I shall do all in
my power to make her
happy & I trust that with
God's help I may succeed.
She is such a noble, true,
and affectionate woman
that I cannot imagine
myself being unkind to her,
and when I think how
much her happiness depends

upon me the responsibility
often makes me tremble.

I am sure we ought both
of us to be very thankful
to you for all the trouble
which you have taken
in connection with our
marriage, & I trust that I
may be enabled to show
my gratitude by being a
good & dutiful son-in-law.
We hope to get a newspaper
announcing the fact that
we are Mr. & Mrs B. J. H.,
as we find it hard to realize
as yet.

With kindest remembrances to
Dr. Dawson, & the other members of
your household, including Laura,
Believe me
Your sincere son-in-law
B. J. Hampton.