

constantly, appeals in aid
of the poor sufferers -
The snow in Sicily so
unheard of in past years,
has given us here some
cold north winds, but
the climate of Malta is
so much better than elsewhere
that we should not complain
of occasional winds -
The island itself is not
very interesting - a sterile
rock which only the most
undefatigable industry
has made productive;
The principal crop - Cotton
we came too late to see
& in driving there is scarcely
a tree to be seen, save now
& then a lonely palm - &
the cultivated ground

views between stone walls
so that we are beginning
to long for some verdant
landscape - The society here
is mostly military - very
hospitable & very gay
The native nobility are
well educated & many
have intermarried with
English - The lower classes
remind us of the Arabs
& indeed they have much
Arab blood & their language
is a jargon of Arabic &
Italian - very harsh & guttural
There are several societies
for Charities - & Lady Boston
is very active, & we go
every Tuesday to sew at
the Palace - for the coming
Bazaar - The Gov & Lady Boston

Have been dreadfully
afflicted in the death of
this only daughter 24 years of
age, last year, - & my
sympathies were fully
enlisted when Lady Darton
told me how hard it was
for her to receive, & hide
away her sorrows - as she
was forced to do in her
position.

We have read with interest
Principal Dawson's lectures
& they have induced us to read
with increased attention the
prophecies. Thanks for your
Lair's work on the American
Indians - we have given it
to several friends to read
who were much interested
in it. We feel very far away
from Canada especially
now that the mails are so
frequently delayed.