

Mary Cross - small pox, shows moony

Mrs Dawson

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My dear Mr. Dawson

On Willis's account  
I should like to tell you how  
we are circumstanced <sup>present</sup> & he  
shares our anxiety & fatigue  
& it is not fair to him to  
be silent - in consequence of  
one of my daughters taking  
small pox, <sup>late</sup> we made immediate  
arrangements for the removal  
of as many of our family  
as c<sup>d</sup> be spared to a cottage



"Newman Cottage" on the  
Lower Sachine Road which  
providentially we had just  
taken for the summer. And  
Willie chiefly had the responsibility  
of the move. It took place  
during one of the late  
immense snow storms &  
our boys had to cut their  
way through the drifts  
with heavy loads of all  
that could possibly be moved  
Curtains Carpets Clothes  
in fact everything we  
thought might keep up

fortunately the cottage was  
well aired. The Child<sup>n</sup> are  
all the better for the change  
but for my husband & Willie  
there is considerable difficulty  
in getting into Montreal it  
is a long way from the  
station & as yet we have  
no horse - no means of  
getting through the drifts  
& Willie has so much  
rough work, cutting wood  
fetching water & looking  
after things in general  
that I do not see how



it is possible to attend to  
his Studies - I heard him  
say "what will Dr. Dawson  
think of me," which determined  
me to tell you of our  
present perplexities, - he  
has not been at all strong  
lately, & is now under  
Medical treatment. I do  
not mind the interruption  
it may be beneficial to  
his health but it wd. grieve  
us if his character suffered  
through our misfortune.  
Will you kindly tell the

Doctor how matters are?

We at this end are separated  
from our loved ones, My  
Baby is with me and our  
dear patient invalid is  
going on as well as  
can be. It is of a very  
mild type. I have not had  
time to write to Mrs  
Moffatt, - some one must  
have told her, for I find  
she & Mrs Taylor have  
just been out to see  
the children & arrived



in the midst of the  
bustle of putting up our  
Albanian Coal Stove which  
we sent down as they  
were not quite warm  
enough, - today they are  
all tight, & I hope we  
have done what is right  
With kindest regards  
& many grateful  
thanks  
Dear Mrs. Weston



believe me yours

Sincerely

Mary Cross