Fort Simpson B. C.
June 3rd 1875.

My dear Mother,

I have another chance of writing you but I may not be able to write very much. I suppose by the time you receive this you will be about settling down for another year. I wish you may be comfortable and happy wherever you are. Let me know, please, all the details of your arrangements. I was rather disappointed at not receiving more letters

by this st. There was only one — that from Susie. I think mine of March must have been delayed somewhere as she evidently had not seen it. I had hoped too, to have had the things I sent for for baby by this time — I trust they may come by next boat — as I want to get her short clothes made. It is trimmed with bias pieces — piped with white — and looks very pretty indeed. Baby is very well — and such a merry, bright little pet — she wakes in the morning with a laugh and a crow — and all day is full

of fun. We have taken another young girl into the house — she was without home or friends to care for her. It is a great care & anxiety to have these girls — we cannot trust to their truthfulness or honesty, altogether — but this seems the only way to help them. We had quite a ceremony about two weeks ago at the laying of the foundation of the church. A bottle containing various articles was deposited in a cedar block — Mrs Munson & the writer being honored in laying it.

Four days last week and two this my husband was off

with a lot of men about eight miles getting out the last of the timber required for the church. He went himself so as to hurry things on.

I very much dislike having Thomas away, of course, but while it is necessary I try to take it cheerfully. He will have now to be at home, I think, steadily until the church is finished. The teachers in the college sent baby a very pretty little silver mug by the last str. Say very best thanks to Auntie for that handsome dress.

I send by mail a small

box, containing some moss and shells which you will please make over to Auntie with my love - also two napkin rings - one for you & one for my father. They were made out of silver coin by a Haydah Indian who was visiting here. Putting the letters on was something new to him & he did not succeed so well with it but many of the Indians work very beautifully in silver & gold making bracelets ear-rings &c. Please accept these with my sincerest affection. I will try to answer Auntie's letter very soon

Give my love to all inquiring friends and pray for us.

Love to Georgie & my father and yourself from Thomas, Jesse, and

Your affectionate daughter

Emma

P.S. I am very glad indeed to hear that you are knitting some socks for baby. I wear no cotton myself so she will need some. But perhaps you will not have much time in which case please just buy some & charge to me.

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