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I hope I shall not appear to
you dear Mrs. Fane as taking
advantage of your extremely
kind and undeserved attention
by troubling you with a few
questions relative to your
dear children - I certainly
should like to hear how they
are getting on with their early
studies, if they had a Talent
for Music, which, between
ourselves ^{is} a very difficult

branch of education, to teach
Music requires much patience
and perseverance, and really
when we think how many
things, poor children, have to
learn, one must at times make
every allowance - And how
does Master June get on?
does he take after his Father,
in attention and Solidity of
character - how I wish his
Aunt Michel were alive
for we had only 1 pair

of years. eyes between us, and
as he and Master Henry were
nearly the same age, the
contrast was very striking -
one all animation & frivolity
the other deep in thought and
for a boy, remarkably superior
I do not say so - to please!!!

Facts are stubborn things,
and the day he left me for
School, I was nearly broken
hearted! - It is as vivid
on my remembrance, as if
it happened yesterday he
was the most lovely minded
boy I ever knew, my

Sister in Law has had 2 boys
not one to be compared
to him - I am distressed to
hear that in addition to Mrs
Graham's complaints, she
is now suffering from Influenza
I hope Mr. Helyer is with her
She, I hear, has lately parted
from her son for Jamaica
I know he was to have sailed
on Tuesday last. It must
have been a sad trouble to
her - There can be no doubt
Some people have more
trouble than others, and

My good, dear, little Miss
Charlotte is among the tried
ones. I wish Mr. Frederick
could come back soon to
England, it would be such
a comfort to have I child
with her. I believe Jamaica
a very trying climate, but
much depends on young
men being temperate, yet, how
few are so, for of course
the heat of the climate
comes thru, I had a nephew
who lived in Jamaica
3 years

and when he came to Waterloo
could not drop himself his
hands were completely useless.
I should very much like to hear
if Master Jean knows his
letters - I ought to remember his
age, and the month in which
he was born, but the infirmities
of age will plead an excuse.
I really feel when I take up
my pen, my hand writing is
attuned, I do not write
so easily to myself as Jones
did - sometimes I feel the

dear boy was born in Cal^{by}
I know you were in London
Time travels rail road speed
the weather now is very damp
and trying - I cannot refrain
dear Mr. Fane from telling
you, the united liberal gift
I received. Greatly assisted
me in paying a Medical
Bill, as you may suppose
I am seldom without one
Oh! what a liberal gift it
was - " " and then to think
I need enclosed a few lines
of thanks. Self accusation

is very painful but what
claims can I have on such
kind friends. May the blessed
God prosper you and yours,
and may Both be spared to see
your children's children
I have never forgotten the natal
days of all the Michels, Monday
Send me Master Francis Senior
3 Michels born in Sept 1st - 5th - 8th
with respectful regards to Mr
Francis, who I trust is well,
believe me dear Mr Francis
Yours gratefully attached
Gleaner Man