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My dear O. Dawson

I duly received your kind
letter enclosing P.O. order for £2
which I have received the cash for,
and placed it to your credit,
showing a balance in your favour of
£20/8 at this date. Christina is
to enclose a few lines for Mr Dawson,
explaining as to the little commission
you referred to. We are all

glad to hear good accounts
of Lewis, William, Eva & Rankine,
but you omitted to say anything
of Mrs Harrington & her baby - I
suppose we are to have "no news
are good news".

My son Gordon has lately
removed from Hifeshire to Derbyshire,
a great leap you will say! He
is settled at Etwell a few miles
from Derby, and it is a very much
better practice, and likely to be
permanent - I trust he, his

wife & children, all enjoy good
health - it appears to be a salubrious
climate & fine country all round.

George is still at Hamilton, Ont.
& goes on steadily with his little
business and enjoys good health.

I have been sent Mr. Dawson
a newspaper, announcing the birth
of a Daughter on 4th instant.
I have just now learned that the
baby is named "Eva Dawson".
Mother & child are very well.
All the other branches of the
family are well - My own

household - Jessie, Christina & Amelia
are all in good health, and write
in tendering love to you all -

Public matters in this country
are not settled - Lord Beaconsfield's
policy has all but plunged us into
war - of a sort, nobody can tell.

The war situation is yet unresolved -
all business is paralyzed & nobody knows
what is to be next. One thought only
crosses me - that there is one Almighty
overruling Power who guides and
governs, evildoers & wicked men can
only go as far as permitted, & eventually
His glory will be paramount!

Yours sincerely

Wm. Bell