

Sibyls Maplewood Farm.
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My dear Sir William

I have delayed a long time before answering your kind letter. I had not been consulted at all about who should unveil the portrait of my dear Father, I suppose they knew that I should like it done by an old & valued friend like yourself. I know you would have been glad to do honour to his

clear memory, had it been
possible; but I quite understand
your reasons for not coming up.
I was ill & away from town on
the occasion; but in any case
I could not have been at
the Convocation - I wish the
portrait were a better one, I
do not like it, though perhaps
I should not express my opinion.
I am so glad to be with Alma
for a little while, it is so long
since I have seen her, & yet
we find the old links of
friendship & mutual interests

as strong as ever. I am grieved
indeed at Eric's illness, such
a fine fellow, as he is, he looks
better than I expected to find him.
This is a very lovely place, &
today there is a pleasant change
in the temperature, for it has
been hot since I came.

I am so glad to hear of the
pleasant time of rest you
are enjoying, with your nice quiet
study in the museum & your own
new house, which Eric has
sketched & described for me,
& which Lady Davidson, has, I
hear, made so pretty.

I am sure you will both greatly
enjoy Eva's visit.

I think of spending next
winter in Edinburgh, as I
am not strong enough for
work.

With warmest love to Lady
Dawson & love to yourself,
if I may send it

Believe me
Very sincerely your friend
Sybil Wilson.

Sir William Dawson.

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