

Lady Dawson again paying a
visit to England -

(Anna then about 18 yrs)



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Dear Mamma,
Rankine & Eva met
me & I got time, love to
both by this glad.

We have been having
for the last few days, very disagreeable
weather. It has been very cold &
trying to snow, & very windy, blowing what
little snow there is, mingled with a
large amount of dust into your eyes,
mouth & in fact everywhere.
Having given you this very interesting intelligence
I have completely exhausted all the news.
I have to thank you, as usual for
your letter, which arrived soon after I
mailed my last to you. & also to
render my best thanks to Rankine
William, Eva, & Anna, for theirs.
The chop-windows are full of all

sorts of valentines, some of quite
new, & original designs. I have seen
some very beautiful ones with, real
butterflies, & stuffed humming-birds
in them.

Many thanks for the bundle of (two)
pamphlets which you sent last
mail. I have read Chiniquip
through, which I hope you will
appreciate. What he says is in
the main no doubt true, but
having just escaped from these errors
he, I think, rushes rather too violently
to the opposite extreme, especially in
his fierce style of argument.

I should think his staying with you
was rather foolish, & would tend to
bring unnecessary odium on the
College. Tell W he had better

get my gun out & have it loaded,
that if need arises he may defend the
house!! Tell him that it is quite
right to trust in providence, but that
we must also do all we can; "That
Providence helps those who help themselves"
(If you think of any additional reflections
you may also add them to the foregoing.)

I have been reading today the memoirs
of George Wilson, which Prof Cornish gave
me before I left, & find it very interesting
indeed, In fact I have just regretfully
left it to write these letters, which must
be done now or never, for I will have
lecture notes to write every evening next
week till Friday.

I am ornamented at present by
two or three little patches on my forehead
where some drops of sulphuric acid
spilt in a late unfortunate explosion
new skin has however already formed
over them

I happened to see in the paper
that General Windham, had died
suddenly, which reminds me that
My Witness has not arrived this
week. It is the first time of
failure, but I have often wondered
at the acuteness of the postman in
finding the address, for it is only
printed on the white margin at one
end, in small type, & often lay
folded round. It would be a great
improvement to print the address
in red ink. This would not be
difficult as the addressing is done
in a separate machine.

In thinking over Montreal friends the
other day I remembered Mrs Walker, &
thought that her kindness to me at
Tadoussac had received very little acknowledgment.
With Love to all, I am yours
ever affectionately
George