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Dearest Mamma,

Here we

are at last after a very
long & tedious journey, papa
wrote to you from the
Hotel yesterday morning
so I suppose you know
that we got ~~to~~ Toronto
at 3 A. M. I had to go to
the Queen's till morning,
the rooms were so fearfully
cold that I could not sleep
at all an early hair raise
you may fancy how cold
it was when I tell you that
my hair was so cold that
in dressing it my fingers
became quite numb - oh!
how delightful it was to
go down stairs, warm ourselves
at a fire & then have a del.

the snow

since warm breakfast, I shall retain a savory recollection of those buckwheat cakes & mutton chops, for many a long day. We drew out here at about nine & were very kindly received. Capt. & Mrs. Bell were breakfasting here & so we were quite a large party, the newly married pair came up here to stay all night as their servant had not arrived. Capt. Bell perfectly beams with happiness & seems to exult in the general atmosphere. Where his wife is rather pretty, delicate complexion, large blue eyes, tall & rather a good figure, she bestows any amount of affection on her husband who however evidently enjoys it exceedingly, but fails in all those pretty ways of returning

it which some men have
to such perfection, I think
him very nice & should not
have minded marrying him
myself, if I had had a chance.
Miss Wilson is very plain
but very nice & good, Mrs
W. very easy going & motherly
in fact the whole household
arrangements are allowed
gently to glide on, without
frantic shouting or eager
driving. I went to one of
the Ladies lectures yesterday
which was in the university
as Prof. Cherryman wanted
to show his class some experiment
^{our} which he needed his college
apparatus, the one I heard
was Prof. Wilson on Lennyron
a perfectly splendid lecture
so clear & interesting, & as he
quoted a good deal, it
was delightful. I went all
over the university which

certainly is magnificent
even more so than I ex-
pected, stone steps carved
pillars gothic windows &
paved halls combining to
form an enchanting whole.
Papa's lecture was very
good, & delivered to not a
very large audience, I
should think but they
say that it was a very
good audience for Toronto
as the inhabitants are not
given to delighting in evening
lectures. The house has
a large double drawing room
on one side & a dining room &
study on the other, evening
very comfortable but not in
the least fun, our house is
much more handsome, they
have the horrible plan of gage-
ries, at this moment my face
is roasting & my back feels
in arctic regions, they are not
so civilized as we in another respect
just fancy having no water closet in the
house, but having to make us persons out things.

Mrs Wilson desires to see her
her kind regards sent to you
& regrets so much that she
should not have had the
opportunity of knowing you
better. Miss Wilson is engaged
in all sorts of good work
she has just now gone out to
read to the women in a
reformatory they have for
those who steal drink, or
have fallen, they are compelled
to remain a year. Then she
has a district which she
visits, & the whole family
seem to take a great interest
in a news boys home which
I am to go & see some day
soon.

Give my love to dear old
William & tell him that the
sandy has made my recollection
of him very sweet. I would
like to write to Frank & Edna
but do not like to write all
the morning so please give
them my love & a kiss between

them, which will afford
an agreeable subject of de-
bate till I return.

Wishing you all a
merry & most happy
new year, dearest man-
na I remain as ever

Your own loving
Anna.

Give Miss McDonald my
love when you see her

Arrival at Toronto.

People seen
lectures etc

