

107 Bloor Street,

Toronto 24<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1891

My Dear Mrs Dawson

Accept of my best thanks for  
your kind gift of "Ginx's Baby" wh<sup>ch</sup>  
I am sure I shall greatly enjoy.  
I only know it as yet through  
the hints & extracts of the Reviewers.  
Permit me also, in Mrs Wilson's  
name and my own to thank you  
for the very acceptable gift of  
photographs. When Anna returns  
she shall bear with her due  
returns in kind. But Mrs Wilson  
like other elderly ladies, has com-  
plaints against the photographer.  
There is a Cabinet one of her  
wh<sup>ch</sup> pleases me wonderfully well;  
but wh<sup>ch</sup> she thinks odious; so I  
must have copies of a smaller  
one which better pleases her  
though not me. Mrs Wilson was

so unfortunate as to fall on  
the snow, twist her wrist and  
sprain her right thumb. Hence  
letter-writing has at present to  
be done by deputy or she  
would have written you  
before this.

Miss Anna, - tho' I hope  
not altogether sick of Toronto, -  
talks of home-duties demanding  
her presence at Montreal.  
I am not sure indeed that  
she does not take blame  
to herself for the thermometer  
getting down so far below  
zero yesterday, owing to her  
absence. Two impediments,  
however, interfere. We have  
undertaken to look out for  
some prudent elderly squire

or Matron's chaperon going  
to Montreal; and as there is  
a rumour of Mr Macpherson  
going ere long: that difficulty  
may vanish. But secondly  
our College conversation  
is fixed for the 2<sup>d</sup> Feb. and  
the presence of Miss principal  
Dawson is indispensable  
on the occasion; so that,  
unless some marvellously proper  
squire or dame turn up  
for an escort before that,  
we shall take the liberty of  
retaining her; as all are  
enjoying her society as a  
great acquisition to our  
Toronto circle; and we  
hope she is not finding this

little western city intolerably  
dull, after the Great Metropolitan  
Centre of Commerce on the  
St. Lawrence.

Remember me most kindly  
to Dr Dawson; and accept  
all kindest greetings from  
Mrs Wilson & myself

Believe me  
Very faithfully yours  
D. M. Wilson