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My dearest Mr. Dawson

It was so good  
of you to write me two letters for my one  
& a stupid one it was too. for I really  
had no heart for letter writing, or any  
thing else all the time I was in Scotland  
which was two months. The last of July 23  
from Kilmorack. Rec<sup>d</sup> since coming  
here, & very glad I was to get it. I can  
assure you. I have been leading rather  
the life of a wanderer for the last 5 weeks,  
a new experience! have staid in 6 differ-  
ent Hotels. sometimes not knowing a soul  
in the place. as I did not here when I arriv-  
ed. I should like to put you into my place  
for a month. It would do you so much  
good! I have found no unpleasant <sup>ness</sup> nor  
any difficulty whatever. With these  
circular notes. I go to the Bank wherever

I am to draw the money as I want it.  
Then I talk to my next door neighbour at  
any Hotel, I hear very often just what I need  
& know. The best Hotel at the next place I want  
to visit; or other information. Through a Lady  
at the Hotel here I got the address of a Home  
Agent, who put me in the way of getting all  
I wanted. So here we are. Willy. I pretty  
comfortably settled till the end of the month.  
I don't quite know yet whether we shall  
stay here any longer. I like Dieppe -  
it is the liveliest little place I ever was  
in. as far as crowds passing up & down  
the whole day long - no noise. It rather  
bores me sometimes. We are on the prin-  
cipal street. nothing but shops. the rooms  
above & many of them let to families. &  
We are not two minutes walk from the  
sea, where I like to sit. It is quite open  
here. the air is something most invigor-  
ating. It does me so much good. I feel  
a different person. It is a great fishing  
port. but lately the weather has been so

stormy, we have been badly supplied.  
It is not such a pleasant place for bathing  
as Boulogne. Here there is a fine sandy  
beach, such a gentle slope into the water.  
I did not lose a chance of going in - it was  
so tempting, but here the beach is covered  
with hard flint stones & the bathing machines  
are fixtures - the bathing so public! -  
Billie enjoys his bath - but he can swim  
very well. there are always Cots of men  
bathing - both French, English - they wear the  
smallest possible covering round the middle  
a sensible sort of thing - with an elastic band or  
fastening round the waist, ending in short trousers.  
The whole thing not 1/2 a yd in length. Irish Men  
had them in Canada. the beach is always  
a thoroughfare - how would you like bathing  
under such circumstances? I have not  
mustered courage to try it here. They  
have delightful baths hot & cold in the  
establishment - both salt & fresh water.  
I prefer being here on the whole to Boulogne  
which is rather too English - but the shops

Here are very good. The Folkestone people  
often go across for a day's shopping.  
Dieppe is much more French & like the people  
of course now the place is full of strangers  
for Aug. is the height of the season - a great  
many English come here - judging by those  
in the Hotel, a very good class - many more  
French come here than to Boulogne - it is  
so convenient - only 4 hours by Express from  
Paris - the surrounding Country is really  
very pretty. Normandy is the richest part  
of France - Cream Cheeses in the smallest  
packages are made in this Country & sent to  
other parts of France, Belgium, England  
in great quantities. The Butter is very good.  
We go to market for that every Saturday &  
pay 30 cents a lb. - Sweet-tos is plentiful & also  
often think of your husband when I saw eating  
grapes - for he said they were the most delicious  
some things to live upon here. On Saturday  
I bought them for 13 cents a lb. - I am giving  
you Canadian currency - for 13 sons is just  
about 13 c<sup>ts</sup> - of course they are not like our

Greenhouse grapes but they are very good,  
so refreshing. Nearly every fruit we know  
is ripe here now from Strawberries & Peaches  
& Grapes. We have our Breakfast & dinner  
sent in from the best Restaurant which is close  
by. pay 9<sup>fr</sup> francs for the two a day - for both.  
We provide our own bread & butter. Then we  
always have something in the middle of  
the day. As the whole, we manage to live  
comfortably enough. Many families in  
apartments do the same, or which is more  
economical do their own cooking - hiring a  
Cook here, or bringing their own. Towards  
the end of September people could live  
here cheaply enough - fancy - Willy seems  
to be quite contented here. He is interested  
in the language, which he is trying to learn.  
we are almost entirely amongst  
French people. About 10 days ago, to  
our surprise we met Col. W<sup>m</sup> Farrell, who  
have been living in apartments here. They  
go back to England tomorrow. He is a Brother  
of the Capt<sup>l</sup> who was in Montreal.

The Clapmans - Pelkington too are in this  
Street, will be here till about the 1<sup>st</sup> June  
cannot travel far without studding upon  
acquaintances or friends.

All this time I have never alluded to any  
thing in your Letter. I do hope Anna will  
quite recover her strength while at Harmony  
Hd. Such an illness as hers must leave its  
mark upon the Constitution for some time  
she ought to take care of herself all the  
winter after. I do hope the rest & change  
will do you good too - for you must have  
greatly needed it. You need not worry  
over what you write of my sister's illness -  
I only thought - how little you knew of the  
actual state of matters. How differently  
you would have judged had you seen beside  
me. Col Noble is now in England with her  
his first Letter to me was miserable enough  
but his next was much more cheerful  
for he saw she was decidedly better in  
many little particulars. The Dr. who was  
attending her was greatly pleased with

the progress she had made during the  
week he had seen her. Ifancy they have  
gone to Brighton. I hope to hear tomorrow.  
I sent her your very kind message.  
Poor thing. I could not cross the ocean with-  
out seeing her very decidedly better than  
she is yet; a poor willy is perplexed as to  
what he is to do - for he has leave only till  
Oct<sup>r</sup> - it would be a pity for him to leave  
the Army - for he would be utterly miserable  
I am taking a good rest here. I can  
assure you I am indulging myself in every  
possible way. About the Educational  
you must allow me to have my own  
way - for all my future is just now  
so uncertain - I am sorry to upset your  
arrangements - but you must appoint  
another in my place in Sep<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Mercer  
is a wonderful little woman to do all  
that work & manage her school as well.  
The quiet little bodies are the best - after  
all - all work & no show! I am very sorry  
W<sup>m</sup>. Johnson ever resigned - Is there no

way of getting her back?  
I have been entirely shut out from seeing  
any thing either of bible work or Educational  
that was the one thing I desired most  
when I came across - when I shall see  
it, I cannot tell. I have not seen Mr  
Cunningham yet. Altogether my visit  
has been so different from what I expected.  
I must not go on scribbling - it is so very  
late. I have not seen the Leisure Hour  
but shall get it when I can. I am so glad  
for myself - Canada! But Dr Dawson was  
not elected to Oxford. Though really sorry  
on his own account. I heard in Edinburgh  
the University was decidedly the loser by  
Sir A. Grant's appointment in place of  
husband. Well all things are of God  
My times are in His hand so often  
dwells in my mind. - Good night  
My very dearest friend, with love  
to all your family. Believe me  
y<sup>r</sup> very affect<sup>d</sup> friend  
Ereema H. Linn