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Dear Mr Dawson

It was impossible for me  
any longer to deny myself the  
pleasure of writing to one, whom  
I love & value, as I do you -

You have been often in my  
remembrance, since we parted  
in the month of June.

How long it seems to me.

How glad I am, that you

Sumner has not been like mine,  
saddened by loss & grief.

It seems too dreadful to take it in,  
how isolated every position has  
become, in the absence of Lady Susan  
in the face of all the rest, which  
comes upon me to suffer.

How selfish one is, to speak first  
of one's personal troubles.

I am so sorry to learn of your  
not being well, since your  
return from India. Tell me

what asks you, but no, you  
must not write. Knowing that  
your hands were full at Mrs.  
"the charge of little children, was  
always a care," I did not write  
lest I might add to the claims  
upon your peace.

Love will soon be back now,  
His winsome, cheerful face will  
be the best tonic, you can have.  
How happy it must make you,  
that Eva has had such charming

opportunity both of pleasure  
& of culture. - Their visit to Paris  
would be delightful to those  
young people, just at an age  
to throw themselves into it.  
Eva, like Amy Galt will have  
learned how to walk miles,  
without being tired! Eva was  
singularly fortunate in going  
with Mr. George. You should  
hear what they think of him,  
at 66. It might send a thrill

through any mother's heart, to know that those, whom we ourselves appreciate, to appreciate our children. Lady Salt had only one regret, that Eva could not have prolonged her visit stay at 66. Poor Helen has been heart broken since -

Don't you feel sorry for Helen? Up to the last moment, Helen was sure of accompanying her father with Amy, but it

was too much, to rob the Mother  
of 3 in one day & thro' 3 the most  
important element in her support.  
I should have very much disapproved  
it. Eva's departure was a most  
wonderous loss to Hester -

I thought of writing to you, while  
Eva was at bb. It seemed to  
bring us nearer together -

I must send you some time  
a letter of Amy's, giving the  
account of her pleasant visit  
to Marlborough House. The 4 was

invited to a Garden Party expressly  
"to meet the Queen". I had got quite  
tired hearing of these entertainments  
& all the rest of it. It was quite  
a relief to me, when Gordon was  
emptied! & Amy could sit  
down, to tell me of domestic  
details & of the children.  
None of them, have learned to  
speak English to Canada -  
On the contrary, they all, with  
our consent, long to return to  
return to their old home at 290.

Lady Galt was glad, to devote  
herself to the children during  
the Holidays. London is so full  
of attractions for them. The "Zoo"  
was an unfailing resource &  
the Crystal Palace.

Being attends for Francis' church.  
His time indoors, she tells me  
is occupied with his pen. It is  
scarcely ever out of his hand.

She writes me faithfully every  
week, without an exception!  
Sir Alexander came straight from

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Kinnoukhi, to me, on his arrival  
in Canada. Imagine my pleasant  
surprise, to receive a telegram  
announcing his coming, that  
very day. He remained three  
days, giving me, details of  
various interest & solacing me  
with his so brotherly & tender  
sympathy. He is truly a man  
in 1000. Don't you think this?  
He reached me on Saturday, at  
midnight or thereabouts, on  
Sunday, at 2 a.m. he had to

travel by a French Train, with a  
simple Car attached for himself, -  
not very swift or aquatic -

Pray does this interest you? It  
will dear, for my sake -

I trust strongly to see you & to find  
you invigorated for the winter's  
work. So be careful of yourself.

I am so fond of Anna. Give her  
my love. I have not nearly said  
all I could wish. I shall have to  
stop here & continue this year again.  
Yours, dear friend, with our loving  
regards  
Harrison & Fanny