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My dear Mrs. Dawson,

How can I
Thank you for your lovely
remembrance of me on New
Year's day - Many were the
exclamations of delight &
admiration as one doyley
after another was unfolded
to view. They are specially
prized as the handwork of
your dear self & Eva. May
give her my warm love &
tell her I was touched by
the pretty card as well. It
was too kind of you to
think of us as you did -
Many have been our regrets

That Eva was unable to prolong
her visit, though I rejoice
with you in the happiness
of having a dear daughter
at home again. Many thanks
are due to you for the two
most interesting letters you
sent me some time ago, &
it is not because they were
forgotten, that they are still
unanswered. The past month
has been a busy one for all
of us. The children are all at
home for the holidays, & as
you know their requirements
are many. Katie sometimes
treats us to portions of Eva's
letters, but not what we crave.
Every thing concerning you
& yours is of great interest.
We have had very pleasant

weather very different from
the cold & snow you are
experiencing. Mrs. Vannecker
prefers this climate. She is
pretty well, but quite unacquainted
to any exertion, & the Doctor
says she requires to be very
careful. It is a great pleasure
to us all having her with us.
We went together to one of
the Union Prayer Meetings.
Lord Madstock was in the chair
Mr. Epken gave the address.
It was not equal to some we
have attended in Montreal,
but the spirit was manifestly
good. The distance was a great
inconvenience & Mrs. Vannecker is
prohibited from going out at
night. We still enjoy Dr. Hulse's
sermons - but have very little

social intercourse. We are
being very quietly at present.
Sir Alex took me to the House
of Lords to see the opening
ceremony, but as it was by
Commission, it was not worth
the trouble, I was the only lady
in the Gallery, & very few Peers
were present. Amy & Evelyn have
gone today to the Abbey to sketch
for the second time only -

Which was much pleased to
receive a book from William at
Christmas. The family were
very happy that day, & the
consideration of our absent
friends added much to our
enjoyment. Now my dear
Mrs. Dawson, & I must say good
bye, with love & thanks to
Mrs. Harrington for her kind note.
With kind remembrances to
Dr. George & much love to your-
self in which Mrs. Dannech joins
& kind regards & best wishes to your
dear husband ever yours affectionately
Amy Lyndon Lyell