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Dear Mrs Dawson

I was very much pleased
by your kind remembrance of me. It
is so nice to know that I am not
forgotten - It is very difficult
sometimes to believe that there are
more than three thousand miles
between us - and I often think I
should like to "come over" for
a week end & get back to business
on the Monday morning -

We have had a very quiet but

very enjoyable Christmas - the only excitement being two parties of very small children - the first consisting of children of our personal friends - and the second of little village children - I need hardly say the small fry took good care to enjoy themselves -

We have had very little really cold weather here, and hardly any skating - I and some friends were on the ice a day or two ago but it was so thin that we several times went through it - In fact a good part of the sheet on which we

were was so weak that the only possible way of kicking right was to skate over it very fast so as to put little or no weight upon the ice - Of course the water was shallow - but nevertheless each expedition over the thin ice was watched with considerable interest and we considered it a great triumph of light steady skating to return in safety -

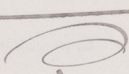
I suppose the St Lawrence will present a very different appearance from what it did when I was at Montreal - Skating at Montreal

will not I expect be prevented" by
the thickness of the ice" -

Please give my kindest
remembrances to all, especially to
Mr Dawson

to believe me to be

Yours ever sincerely
Robert W. Williamson



My Father wishes to be very kindly
remembered -

