

Ladygate



66 Lancaster Gate
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My dear Mrs. Lawson,
Your great
kindness in sending me
such a beautiful present
was a most agreeable
surprise. I had often wished
to read the life of the
Marchioness Bunsen, & now
to possess the book is a
great pleasure. My only
fear is that my mind
will be filled with vain
regrets over my own wasted
opportunities. Mrs. Vanneck
is equally interested with me

There is great difficulty in
accomplishing any thing in
the way of trading here, the
distractions are so many.

We are all exercised at pres-
ent over the weather which
is so unusual, & our
anticipations are by no
means pleasant, as every
one is talking of the snow
storm which is predicted, &
its frightful consequences.
The past week's experience
has made us wishful to go
home, smoky chimneys &
frozen pipes which cannot
be remedied are among the
drawbacks to this climate.

I love to hear about you &
those dear to you, & hope
you are enjoying the
winter & its engagements
without fatigue. Alice returns
to school next week, as well
as the child who is spending
her holidays with us, so we
shall be a more quiet house-
hold. Sir Alexander has not
been very well. He proposes
to go to the sea coast with
Ethie for a few days next
week. Mrs. Vaneck is not
as well as I could wish. She
cannot go up stairs without
fatigue, & rarely goes out now,
but this lack may be at-
tributable to the severity of
the weather. She sends her
very particular love, & would

write, but that exercise is
hurtful to her. Mrs. Forbes
writes that she meets with
you at Emma Lunn's every
week. How I wish we were
not separated by that dread-
ful sea, which grows larger
as I think of those dear to
me on the other side. We
hear regularly from our
sons which is a great com-
fort. Remember me to
Mrs. Harrington & with love
to Eva & Mild regards to
Dr. Lawson,

Believe me dear Mrs. Lawson
yours affectionately
Amy Gordon Galt.

