

Relative of Sir Wm's - by ^{Arthur Crowe} Grammercy Park
Lind near Rock Ferry Eng. New York
Christmas Eve

My dear Mrs Dawson, I have daily
deferred writing until I could tell
you that those Japanese curios had been
sent on to you, but as I have not yet
received them from the Custom House, it
is high time to write in any case.

On my arrival in New York I found
an invitation awaiting me from Mrs
Keyser to stay with them in apartment
they have taken for the winter.

In spite of dull, rainy weather I have
enjoyed my stay here immensely, as so
near Christmas time the town is very
gay, streets crowded and shops at their
best. Today has been beautiful and quite
frothy, so we took a drive up 5th Avenue
to Central Park and out to the Hudson,
where I enjoyed the beautiful view of
the "Palisades" and lovely country around.

Broadway is by far the most wonderful street I ever saw and although I tramp almost its whole length daily, my wonder only increases. The shops are wonderful as far as size is concerned but I think in quality Bold's can beat them all.

Next week I purpose making a few excursions to Philadelphia, Yale College (Will Kuper's "varsity"), and Norwalk (their country home). Expect to say good bye to New York on the 3rd of Jan'y, when I will make my best way to Halifax via Boston.

I was glad to receive a cable from home this evening wishing me a happy Xmas, to which I replied.

I must again thank you and Dr Dawson for all your kindness to me, and for the very pleasant time I spent in Montreal. My only regrets are that the elements were against me, and that I could not stay longer.

A "very Merry Christmas" to you all
and with kindest regards,

Believe me, dear Mrs Dawson

Yours faithfully
Arthur W. Gray