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My dear Lady Dawson

I received your very kind letter of the 2^d or the 12th, enclosing a post office order for £8. (eight pounds) for which I now enclose a receipt. You have indeed been most successful in disposing so soon of so much of the work, and I do not know how to thank you for all your kindness about this work. I must tell you I never expected that you would sell the crochet so soon, and since I saw all

The last trouble about
the smallpox I thought
you would not be able to
do anything for the present,
and I must beg of you
dear Lady Dawson not
to press yourself in this
matter. I sent the parcel
as a specimen of the
kind of work the girl
could do, and if any lady
liked the work and
could give an order
for any particular
trimming she required
giving the length and
width and style of pattern
liked, then I would
soon get the order
executed and sent out.
I have been getting
the girl a number
of orders of this kind

trimming for aprons,
childrens dresses, petticoats
and underclothing, also
for tables and Chimney
boards &c. she has been so
busy she was worked
herself and got ill & The
Doctor sent her to the
"Shore" as she said, for a
fortnight, now she is
much better, and the
£8. you have sent will
be death to her and
her poor Mother. Thank
you so much again
Dear Lady Dawson, how
very kind you have
been also to poor Miss
Brookes she has indeed
been most fortunate
in finding such a friend
in you, I have not
been writing to her
myself but I have heard

from her friends here
how glad you have been
to her, and how kind it
was of your son to let
her take your portrait.

I hope it is satisfactory
and that he will like it
after all his kind thoughtfulness.

I warned her & her she
thought of going out of the
depression in Canada
and now with the smallpox
everything must be much
worse. The accounts in
the papers were so bad
we wondered if you could
return to Montreal.

I did get Sir Williams
Post Card, and if I had
not known how fully
occupied he always is
I would have written
to tell him how very
proud I felt to get it.

from him, and how kind
I thought it of him to write
it, it is now amongst
my treasures, and I must
tell you it is the first
Canadian post card
I ever had.

I can't thank you to say
we are all well, and we
are just going to pay
a visit in Oxfordshire
after which we hope to
settle down for the
winter in London.

We enjoyed our visit
to Aberdeen very much
everyone was so kind
but I do not think there
was anything of very
special interest in
the papers read during
the meeting
everyone was delighted

to hear that Sir William
was to be the President
next year, I never heard
any appointment so
universally hailed with
pleasure & satisfaction.
I need not tell you with
how much pleasure
we all look forward
to seeing you all again
on this side.

My sister joins me
in affectionate remembrance
to you & Miss Dawson
and with our kindest
regards to Sir William

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Kate Rae

D^r Rae sends his kindest
remembrances to you all