

Miss Wilson

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My dear Lady Dawson

I am so ashamed of my long delay in writing to thank for your pretty present; but I think Anna would tell you, that I was pretty well occupied with Mrs Greaves & a sick servant, & then I know I manage my time badly, so I won't waste more time on apologies, which I feel to be so much needed.

It was indeed kind of you to think of me, & to choose for me so pretty a gift, just what I like. It looks

so pretty on my writing table w^h is
oak, so that it matches delightfully.
Thank you indeed very, very much!

We were so pleased to get a peep of
Anna, just the same interesting &
delightful companion^{as} of old. I was
sorry that our domestic machinery
which for years has run so smoothly,
took that time to go wrong; but I
suppose illness is never convenient.

Anna made such a funny mistake, I
suppose she wrote to Mr Labatt &
to me on the same day & put Mr
Labatt's into my envelope, what was
done with mine I don't know. However
I opened the envelope addressed in
Anna's hand & read my dear Sybil
& so on, there was certainly some
confusion; but only at the end of
the 3rd page did I come to: "I hope
Mr Labatt is well &c." & then I

looked & saw that the beginning was
"My dear Sophie" not my dear Sybil.
I put the opened envelope & all into
another enclosure & readdressed it
to London, thinking Mrs Sabatt would
do the same to me; but she has
not. His lucky Anna did not un-
favourably contrast the difference
between the grandeur of her London
visit & the humble Toronto home!
We are now quiet again, after a
week of meetings; Mrs Graves is to
return & hold at least two more
here, at the end of the month.

We were very much pleased with her,
she is so considerate, so nice in the
house & that commended her
speaking to me & I thought it
very interesting indeed.

Annie is still at the Hospital, she has
been very ill again since she went there,

the Dr. thinks in a fortnight she may be able to return to her work here, but I feel very doubtful about it. In the mean time, I have a pleasant little substitute & we are getting on nicely; but visits to the Hospital are added to the weekly routine.

I am very well & so is Papa. We are going over this week last year, ^{beginning} over the last days our darling spent with us. It has been a glad, bright year to her & we are all that time nearer to re-union.

Sir William sent Papa lovely photo. of himself, I don't think you could get a better one.

With kindest love & sincere & grateful thanks for your loving remembrance of me.

Believe me

Yours affectionately
Sybil Wilson.