

immensely interesting - Anna sent me a photo of the baby; but I
will write to her myself -
Please thank Sir William
for his address, w^{ch} interests
me very much.
With dear love to you &
Eva & my kindest greetings
to Rankin when you write,
Thinking you all
the happiest of
New Years
Believe me
Yours lovingly,
Sybil Wilson
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Each day since Xmas

I've wanted to write & thank you
for your pretty book & kind
remembrance of us all - Betty too
has wanted me to acknowledge
the pretty card you sent to her;
but I don't think I need explain
to you how time has run on -
However now let me express my thanks
for your thoughtful love which I
value so highly -
I hear that you & Eva are very busy
over her preparations - I can fancy
how mingled your feelings are, Eva
has been such a delightful companion
to you, that to be separated will be a

very great trial, however you will make
it easier by running over to see her, every
summer & I know you will be glad
that Eva should have a settled &
happy home of her own - Mr. Atkin is
very nice-looking & I suppose is the donor
of the pretty gifts that Eva was so quiet
about - They can't fail to be happy, for she
is so unusually easy to live with, that
he would need to be "by ordinary kind"
to make their home anything but glad, & I
am quite sure he must be very nice indeed.
We had a little peep of William, how
extremely well he is looking, he would
tell you of my nearly being locked out
for a night & our united efforts to wake
the household - Papa had not understood
we were going out & fancied I was fast
asleep, & was quite distressed about it -
Nelly is we hope well again, she is
looking very well; but it does not do for
her to do anything, she seems to need

complete rest - so I am single handed,
& I miss her assistance very much -
were you sorry to hear of Ethel Galt,
leaving home to join the army, I was
very, & I think you too would be -
another sad thing has occurred here,
Mabel Blake running off with Frank
Moss, a medical student in his 8th
year - income - nothing - I believe
Mr. Blake has behaved wonderfully
kindly bringing them back & giving
them a cheque to start off on a
honeymoon trip & when they return,
they are to live with the Blakes -
I am very sorry for them all, it makes
one more glad for the happy engagements
among one's friends - Maggie Brown, is
now at St. Petersburg on her wedding
trip & her husband seems to be an
unusually delightful man, we hear
of him on all hands - He is rich, with
an estate in the Highlands; but he is
also a most earnest Christian, putting

all his heart & energy into living for X^t -
raising the ideas & lives of all with
whom he comes in contact - his work
is carried on principally among the
Edinburgh students. ~~Drummond~~ is
his greatest friend & was his groovesman,
it was Dr. Barbour, I believe, who got
him to come to work there - The working
men in the closes of the old town, share
equally in his intelligent interest - He
has bought up White horse close - put it in
perfect order - baths & sanitary improvements -
also a Hall where they have classes,
meetings & entertainments - every one must
pay his rent regularly or turn out; but he &
his helpers make every effort to raise these
people physically, mentally & spiritually -
Mrs Brown & Edith are delighted with their
new son & brother & even I catch a little
of his fine influence thro' Edith's letters.
What a wonderful thing it is to live when one
realises how everything we do, or leave undone
is leaving its mark on us & then how what we
are is influencing all within our touch-
stone if it makes life solemn it also makes it