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TORONTO.

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My dear Lady Dawson

Seeing a paper in your hand-writing, I picked it up expecting to see some new donation to the College & there instead I read the sad announcement of Anna's loss. It must have come very suddenly, for I heard from you so recently & you said nothing about illness. Such a sudden change to come over all your happy wedding thoughts - I do feel so sorry for you all & for Eva thus plunged into sorrow, in the midst of joy, tinged, ~~that~~ it was, for you, with a shade of sadness.

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Poor dear Anna has never known
real sorrow before, & death when
it comes very near to us, alters every
thing, life is never the same thing
again - ones dearest ones seem held
with a looser grasp - Our Father
will, we know teach her his own
sweet lessons out of the great trial,
& a little one in the home above
is a very precious treasure there.

Edith was such a dear wise little
girl when I knew her & doubtless
she has been growing more & more
interesting as she developed under
Anna's watchful care -

I always feel, in great sorrow
that I have no words to speak,

that at such a time only God can
comfort; but I will write to Anne
now & at least let her know that
I sympathise much with her.

I suppose this will not alter Eva's
plans; but it will likely change
the style of her wedding & we
shall not now consider ourselves
as invited guests - thinking it very
probable you will only have your
own immediate family -

Dear Eva will have our loving
thoughts & prayers all the same -

I am sorry that any cloud
should come near her wedding
day; but God's lessons come to us

all at the right time - do they not?

Your dear little grand-daughter
must often have brought sunshine
into your home too, & while you
miss her sweet little ways yourself,
you will have the burden of Anna's
still greater grief to bear - But
dear Friend you know well where
to cast all your cares & He will be
with each one of you, to help you each,
with just the consolation your special
need requires - I think I have been
learning lately to look upon life as
only a training school for the
Home - wh. is to be Home indeed.

With warmest love & sympathy
Your attached friend
Sybil Wilson