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My Dear Lady Dawson  
When this week  
comes you we shall be  
very close upon a New  
Year and so I commence  
my letter with a very  
warm greeting from  
our house to you and  
yours, I ought to offer  
in the first place a  
very abject apology but  
I have testimony this  
week of your kind  
forgiveness of my delin-  
quency and therefore  
will only say I would  
to do better in the future  
and correspond with the

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I fear I am at the best.  
"Dominion Illustrated"  
reached me in perfect  
order and I thank you  
very much for it, the  
scenery pictures are very  
pretty, but I have not  
yet time to read the paper.  
Susan however is enjoy-  
ing it. We are having an  
exceptionally cold season,  
whay. the ground all  
white and snow falling  
all the time, we are rather  
hoping for a change of wind  
in consequence, for this  
fact wind is an inter-  
esting job, but as yet we  
have escaped the fogs pre-  
vailing in London, I am  
rather surprised to find

That Eva is less complain-  
-ing of the cold than Hope,  
he is trying various ways  
of warming their house &  
came down quite certainly  
yesterday morning on the  
success of his last en-  
-deavour, if it is lacking  
there will doubtless be  
instruments, but hitherto  
I at least have not cared  
for the atmosphere of any  
heated house in this  
neighbourhood, you ma-  
-nage these things better  
in Canada from having  
habitually to prepare for  
a long continuance of cold.  
You hear so regularly from  
Eva that I fancy you  
will know very correctly

What is her feeling to-  
wards her new home,  
she seems to me quite  
happy, making the best  
of every thing, but of course  
I know she must often  
be having a longing for her  
own dear ones, they will  
be with us on Xmas  
day, also Peter and his  
family and be sure they  
we shall not forget the  
other half of the families  
on the other side of the  
Atlantic. Visiting is the  
order of the day just now  
and I may say to you  
that our dear daughter  
in-law is very much  
admired, and that, by  
all ages amongst me

friends, you will hear  
from her from time  
to time of the people  
she comes across, that  
you & Sir William have  
known here also, which  
will be very interesting  
to you I am sure. We  
were very glad that  
Eva had the pleasure  
of seeing her sister in  
law so soon after she  
came and very regretting  
that Mrs. William could  
not stay longer. I hope  
another summer will  
see you here for until  
her Parents have seen  
her surroundings Eva  
will naturally feel  
incomplete. W. How

is our prayer this year  
as doubtless you know  
& his family are a good  
deal taken up with  
the engagements connect-  
ed with the office as  
you can easily under-  
stand for you & Sir  
William have so much  
entertaining to do in  
Montreal, you must  
miss your daughter's  
help sadly I fear very  
often. Hope has not  
taken up any outside  
duties this winter and  
it is just as well he  
should have a rest.  
The Children's Aid Society  
in which Peter is much  
interested had an

entertainment at the  
Art Club last night  
to raise money for their  
funds & it was very  
successful. I think  
Mr. Atkin & Blanche Wood  
you has been able to  
practice her art by  
taking lessons in  
painting the last few  
weeks, we admire her  
study very much as I  
think you will. I wonder  
if you have seen this  
book of General Booth  
that has excited our  
English Public so much  
of late, it seems a won-  
derful scheme for lift-  
ing up the very lowest  
of the low, and the sal-

-taken Army have had  
experience in dealing  
with that class greater  
than any other body  
of workers, the General  
was addressing very  
large gathering in  
Lyons yesterday.  
Susan & Isabelle are  
away this evening or  
they would have some  
message for you I am  
sure. Mr. Atkin writes  
with me in kindest  
regards to you & his William  
& I desire to send my letters  
as I began in wishing  
you a very happy New  
Year  
Yours most truly  
Emily Atkin