

Williamson

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My dear Lady Dawson -

Your note was
indeed a delight - doubly
so, written on this side the
Atlantic - I read, & grasped
the whole situation, before
opening the envelope -

Penmanship & Postmark -
proved correct index to the
contents - I knew perfectly

well - how much I've
longed to see you even last
Autumn, when we were with
her, & understood also quite
well how that longing would
have increased. - We are all
really glad for her sake, &
your own, that you have
had the courage to Cross -
Sympathy for Sir William
goes without saying, - he
will miss you; - but more
fully appreciate you on your

return - The only perfectly
certain intention, at this
moment, Dear Lady Dawson
is, that you do not cross
without our having a peep
of you, somehow - The how,
when, & where we must
determine, ^{later} & fancy it
would be useless to ask you
to come here until after
June, & indeed we are so
steeped in influenza

I should hardly dare, either
have you here or come to see
you; but surely things cannot
go on long in this way.

We should dearly like you
to come over, if even for just
one night, early in July, but
I will of course wait if you
if you cannot do that, but
you will, for my husband's
sake & I know Mrs Hope Alkin
will have me, I would come
over a week with you

but I should have to come
alone. Dr Williamson

lectures every day until the
end of July, when we hope
to start at once for Switzerland,
where we hope to spend some
weeks -

Please give our love, best wishes
& warmest congratulations to
Lou - Once more we are so glad
you will be with her - I can
just imagine how you will
both enjoy your selves -

Now one word about ourselves
Williamson

This medieval family is
well - i.e. Dr Williamson,
myself, Edith & Herbert -
but so many of our nearest
& dearest friends are seriously
we live in an atmosphere
of hurried excitement.

My mother who is old &
debeak, was sent to me
a week ago, because my
home, over which she has
control, is almost lined with
influences - my uncle

Sir Henry Mitchell is badly,
but not very dangerously
ill -; his own servant is worse
& several maids are still
worse - A lady Cousin is
taking charge instead of my mother,
who has not strength to endure
any bad attack -

Our dear friend is very
seriously ill, indeed - Presen-
tly being only one of
various difficulties - Two very
dear little children Cousins
& Edith, are visiting here

here without their Mother
The Mother being kept in
York where I nurse an older boy
these little ones are also ill-
Conscious showing how nearly
the mischief is; - These as you
will see draw our Sympathies
very highly, & into this, I would
not ask you to come; but
it will surely pass before long
Meanwhile accept our dearest
love - some were very warmest
good wishes for you - I will
write shortly to tell you how
we all are at enquire
with Believe me my dear friend
Affectionately yours Alice & Eliza