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My dear Lady Danson.

Your very cosy &

useful bag, with its warm

Artistic Colouring, arrived several

days ago - & I was grateful you

had so kindly thought of me -

but there was no letter, no

message, & I speak the truth

the wretched rebellion of nature

would have preferred some word

of how you all are - & what

I supposed ^{to be} a gift touched in a

Bazaar

Atlantic - but I dare not press my husband
to do this. he grows each year more afraid of it -
the sudden death of our friend Dr Stewart immediately
after Crossay, only the Irish Sea, in rough weather,
has quite finally deterred him. - I cannot
leave him, even long enough to pay you a visit
of a week or ten days, which I should thoroughly
like if that were possible. - The nearest approach
I can imagine would be, in three or four years if
you are all well, & you gave Herbert an invitation to
pay you, yourselves a visit during the Christmas
holidays. - just to see you & your Montreal ice
pleasures. the voyages would be good for him &
the delight, full - when he is old enough to make
the voyage enjoyably, alone. - he is big enough already.
The journey across the Atlantic for a visit to you
only, without any reference to scenery or the States, ^{my thoughts}
would be delicious. - I must not spin out, in
another long letter, else you will feel in duty bound
to answer it. - We are glad to hear of the continued health
not very glad however to hear of harder work for Sir William
he is much too fond of work. - Poor mornings are enevitable
please give our love to her, at Sir William's kind wishes
to the rest of your family, whom I feel almost to know, although
I have not seen them. - And to you my friend; very good wish
that long can offer to you - In this coming many following years -
Believe me ever yours affectionately Anne Eskey Williamson

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Last night the lounge for
envelope was brought to me at
dinner - & laid aside, for a
quiet moment of delicious
satisfaction.

I had not dreamed you had
made my bag your self; thank
you very much, my good kind
friend. I shall now prize it
as I do your many other
thoughtful pleasant gifts.
And for your letter, thanks so
no where - the pleasure it gave
us, was far beyond mere words
of gratitude.

We second to the very fullest
extent all your hospitable
wishes that we could cross the