

Williamson

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Fallowfield

Sunday Afternoon

January 24th

My dear Lady Dawson

I fear you will be puz-
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facey I should never write you again;

not at all my good friend, but as

D Williamson told Sir William our

great news, I preferred waiting until

our plans were finally decided.

This decision was only sealed

yesterday afternoon, & now we feel very

much in earnest.

To begin with, my husband prefers

without pecunia so we live on a

comparatively small income, still on one

sufficient for all moderate needs & a

few delicacies. We have bought a

minute, but dainty house near

Clapham Common S. W. & we shall

be within the limits of Victoria

Station. We have a very nice

quite surrounded by people - she also is so much
braver she almost began to hope her cure is permanent -
I am myself well - but as you may well imagine am
very anxious & somewhat worried - I believe all will
come right, but the responsibility on my shoulders is great.
We have arranged to be inside our new home in four
weeks from now - & by the beginning of May (good
weather) we hope to be free to enjoy London at its best.
What a sad time our Combig has passed through
the sadness of sympathy is apparent everywhere & every minute
in the universal mourning dress - I wish this habit were
not so general, this overwhelming black pall is too depressing.
So far Manchester has kept singularly free from the

Influenza epidemic this year, we have sickness all round
but the immediate district is healthy so much so - we
feel quite strange - we are not accustomed to such destruction.
I hope you & Sir William are well - we have many
reminders of you all - only a few days ago whilst arranging
my writing table drawers I found, stored away among
other treasures, little water colour sketches done by your
grand children - How much I should like to see them all!!
I hope also Mrs Atkin & her baby are well - I have been
too disappointed not to see more of them, but the fates were
against me - I have hardly left my husband half a day,
in eight or nine months, but am hoping for far more freedom
in our new sphere - I shall send you our address card
when it is ready - I shall hope to see you in the new house
next time you cross the Atlantic - With kindest regards to
Sir William & warm love to yourself, I am dear Lady Dawson
Your affectionately, A. C. Williamson

Numerous train cars pass the end of
our own Road incessantly & journey to
Westminster Bridge in half an hour -
we are on the direct line for the Forum
& the Crystal Palace & within easy
reach of Kent & Kensington. Best of all
whilst within such computable distances
of these places of common interest -
we have the big Clapham Common
quite near us, which will give our
exercise & amusement to my
husband - His said dear husband
is already very much better. Last
Autumn he was so ill, we feared
he was indeed almost too ill to bear
a great removal - but he is intensely
interested & never fails to look forward
with pleasure. The rest of us also
love Herbert Strouper, but not aloud
to work so hard as he has been
accustomed to do -

Miss Williamson is established in
a little house of her own, & is