

Williamson

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My dear Lady Dawson -

I have been too long answering your very kind & I thought somewhat 'hopeful' letter - but I have, as you will have heard, been a good deal wrought upon - Dr Williamson has been very unwell for several months - at one time so much so we hardly thought he could rally - he suffered terrible indigestion & flatulence - no one could quite see the cause -

Now, however, he is recovering steadily & I hope will gather strength to face the world -

I find he has written a number of what I call brilliant & scientific outpourings for Sir William, which would

may hardly have suggested the
extreme invalidism of which I
speak - but they have been only
rents in the cloud - Still the
cloud is itself now rolling over,
& I only like you of its density, be-
cause my own security, profet-
-fulness.

I hope ^{for} you, dear friend. You would
have been good, not only for
Sir William but for you so
sadly needed rest & care - I often
wondered how you braced, whether
you took a maid - a nurse or
who looked after you - the father
from Sir William's letter you have
at last finally given up the
College responsibility, but that he
will continue research work in his
own rooms - I wonder how this

will affect your home - I hope
 your burden of house keeping
 will also be lessened - is there
 any hope of your coming to
 Europe? -

I forget whether I have told
 you of Herbert's success in
 being admitted as student
 in the "Royal Academy Schools"
 on his first application.

He was one of twelve successful
 students, out of fifty six candidates
 some of only two whose first-
 trial it was. This means the
 best art teaching in England, free
 of expense, for three or if he chooses
 five years. - He was admitted at
 Christ mas all the work he has
 done since he has passed the
 Council of Academicians
 with credit. He is removed

in a higher studio - His health is more robust, altogether his success has done him good.

At Home he is as dear as dear can be, so gentle & patient with his father, & an unobtrusive help to me - You will be glad to hear, as I am to see, that

Miss Williamson seems now perfectly well & bright; the care & duties of her own home & the exercise of her best powers have been invaluable to her - There is now hardly a trace of the terrible old malady -

My mother, after staying us so much anxiously is now back with Sir Henry Mitchell, in the summer but will I think come South again in the winter - She is far better but still delicate -

My dear old brother Jack,
 the boy widower, in London,
 whose wife was lost in the
 Roumanian, is also slowly
 coming to life - the anxiety for
 him has been too terrible -
 even still we cannot see how
 such a shock, & the consequent
 utter loneliness will tell on
 a quiet reserved nature. Completely
 dependant for everything, on the
 few brightness of his little wife -

The three ladies in England are
 being cared for in Canterbury
 along with several Cousins
 on the Mother's side -

Now dear Lady Dawson
 I have at least brought you

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up to date in actual events -
for the pleasure of script chat -
I am almost too tired - but I
am as you know very interested
in your surroundings, in the
state of your health; when
you have time spare, will you
return good for love about to me -
Meanwhile with dearest love
to you my friend

Love ever yours affectionately
Annie C. Williamson