

must be answered -

I am glad to remember that I thoroughly appreciate the charm of idleness & care - lessness, which I was with you, so I can afford to be busy again. As my friends say I look ever so much



the better of my visit & so I am in every way. Such a little corner left to Crowlin in great dearth love for Annan & William & Florence & most of all for Eric & yourself & my kind greetings to his children. My very best love to the whole

My dear Lady Dawson

I have so many

letters of things to say, that it would be ever so much nicer, if I could step into the library & take a seat beside you; but as that cannot be today, I must just have a paper chat.

The postman has just brought me your letter & parcel with my bag & rings, thank you very much for sending them to me. I remembered my rings in the train; but I was not anxious about them, only very sorry that my carelessness should give you trouble.

I enjoyed the day in the train: Mullip's discourses on house-keeping proved so interesting, that I finished the book

not be formal with time to write a book of letters

I recognised how valuable it would
prove to me; still I must say I would
not care to be Molly No. 2, & spend all
my time & thoughts on providing dainty
dishes for Harry! At the Ottawa junction

Mr. Kerr of Toronto came in & in the
course of the evening, he got a table set,
& invited me to tea, so that I was able to
continue my party going to the very
verge of home. We arrived in perfect
time, & Papa was waiting for me.

I got a loving welcome home of course;
but Dorothy was more demonstrative &
gracious than any one else, taking
pains to assure me that I was heartily
welcome. - Dear old soul, she had been
quite in a fuss all day, getting Kelly
to arrange a cap, in which to receive
me - One of my poor people (whose husband
is a gardener) had brought a beautiful
pot of Begonia & a Primula in full bloom
to greet me & I do wish I could send
you Kelly's lillies of the Valley, they are
so beautiful & fill the room with fragrance.

So you see my home coming was to watch
my happy holiday, which I so thoroughly
enjoyed & look back upon with unalloyed
pleasure. As distance begins to blend it
all together, it remains a memory of
so much love & kindness, which is even
better than the pleasure it gave me -

And for yourself, I feel that I know &
love you, ever so much better than I
even did before & I do so thank you
for all your "motherliness" to me, a
word that means so much -

I was not overglad to find that on
Saturday morning there was a meeting
at the Newsboys Lodging, which I must
attend, & certainly the poor have not
died out of the land & somehow when
one finds oneself face to face with a
hungry man or woman & a lot of little
ragged children round them, things seem
quite different from what they do, at one
sits by a comfortable fire, reading wise
articles on the subject. The jubilee hand-

Her chief was a grand success; Missus, I do say, you couldn't have brought me anything I should have valued so much, I aint a goin to use it; but when I go to my own house, I'll have it framed." Then your necklaces gave genuine pleasure to both. Annie was really pleased at your being so kind, as to think of her & begged me to thank you very much - Dorothy always expects "the quality" to like her, she feels more akin to them than to poor folk; but she was much delighted at the necklace per se & charmed at your acknowledging her as a friend: now Missus you just tell her that I'm very much pleased with it & more pleased because I hadn't seen the lady; & thank her for all her kindness to my Missus & for sending her home so well, better than when she went away" - she just been to the kitchen to get her message fresh -

Poor Mrs Wright is in bed again & far from well, I am so sorry about her, I gave her your kind messages - It's not that I have not much more I should like to say, or even that more paper might