

My paid us an afternoon call & could in worse be persuaded
to remain -
Papa would kind greetings
to you & Sir William
with much love repeating
that I can't take possession
if the five rooms you so kindly
offer I always believe me
Yr very affate friend
Sybil



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Lady Dawson

It would not interest
you to hear the many & excellent
excuses, I have to give for not
answering sooner, so I won't.

We shall be charmed to take
care of you across the ocean;
but I am afraid we shall be both
late & uncertain about starting -
The end of June, I hope, & believe,
though I have heard Papa talk of
July; but I put down that idea -
He won't leave until he sees the
building going on satisfactorily; but I

shall do my best to hurry him off -
We certainly sail from Montreal, by
the Parisian if possible - It would be
a great pleasure to have your company
but dont wait for us, if a favourable
opportunity occurs of going pleasantly
earlier, if not we shall be there to fall
back upon - As to dear Oswald, it
would be a terrible disappointment
again to be prevented seeing him, he
is 16 now, we have scarcely heard a
word about him, since last in England,
when we were not allowed to see him -
I wish you would ask that if it is God's
will, we might see him this time -
I never speak of him to anyone, so
this is only for you -

I am sorry to hear that you are suffering
from indigestion, it comes to me every
Spring & has already arrived & it does make

one very miserable, I've also had a touch
of bronchitis & can't get quite rid of it.
The weather has been damp & miserable,
today the sun, has shone out.

I went up to London to pay a long -
promised, & looked forward to, visit
to Bishop & Mr. Baldwin & thought the
change would do me good. I reached
there on Tuesday evening - the Bishop
was at dinner, bright & cheery; next
morning he was not well & did not
appear, & the next morning, Thursday
the D^r came very early, pronounced it
Diphtheria, so I was fumigated & set
off for home, feeling thoroughly tired out
when I reached it, much to my family's
surprise. I am glad to say it has been
a very light attack & no one else has
taken it. The Bishop is recovering well.
You ask about D^r Hoskins's lecture - I think
when I tell you, that it lasted 2 hours &
a quarter & was very profound, you

