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Dear Mrs Dawson

I have come to a little pause in life, which I hail as a chance for writing to some dear friends like yourself. Yesterday I had a letter from Alice Helton, thanking me for the silver brooches, which Eva kindly took charge of. She does not say how she received them, so I do not know whether you have all been in Edinburgh or not. To be there is a pleasure, I envy you

but I suppose that you are hurrying  
from one charming spot, only to  
find another still more so.

It seems a very long time since that  
night I said goodbye to you. It always  
seems to me strange to stay with friends  
& be entirely one with them & share so  
many of their interests & then to part &  
hear so little of one-another, each having to  
carry on their own separate & busy lives.

Still it is very pleasant to renew our  
friendships from time to time, & to know  
it stands on a foundation that lasts forever.

I paid Anna a pleasant little  
visit, as she would tell you, & then came  
home to find all well here. Papa of course  
was busy at work (& worry too) but he  
begins with a stock of strength which  
I trust will last for many days.

Mamma is just as well as she could  
possibly be. Kelly is very busy studying,  
so that we have very little of her company.  
Did I speak to you at all of the interest we

were taking in Zenana Mission work, or had we too many other things to talk about? We have begun our work again, held our first monthly missionary meeting most successfully & organized working parties to meet once a fortnight in private houses, this being one object for their use. We are to dress dolls, make workbags, scrap books with scripture pictures &c. all of which are things the lady missionaries ask to have sent out to them for their pupils. Missionary news & letters will be read while we work, & so I trust a missionary spirit will be increased. I am Secretary of the Society & find it such interesting & helpful work, drawing oneself nearer to Christ & to His people. aceye

Last Friday was Convocation Day, fortunately it was a bright one, as the students have their games afterwards

& we always have a large kettle drum.  
More than a hundred came in to us.  
I was very busy in the morning  
arranging flowers & in & out all day.  
Mother & I having got that over meant  
to start yesterday morning for Collingwood  
to pay Mr. & Mrs. Parlame a visit.  
We did not like both going away  
from Papa; but he & they insisted, so  
I was to go & return on Friday,  
leaving Mother for a few days longer.  
However on Sunday morning, I woke to  
find myself covered with a rash,  
wh. looked most alarming. Dr. Temple  
says I must have touched poison  
ivy in my floral arrangements.  
So that is how my "pause" comes.  
I am not ill, only very miserable,  
& I must not go out. Reading & writing  
are the only things I care to do, so

as you read this, you must feel that you have helped to mile away a weary hour - I hope Mamma will go to Collingwood, without me tomorrow, as I trust this poisoning wont last long. Do be warned & never touch pretty vines, though I dont know where I met my enemy or what he is like.

I had one letter from Anna since I left, she told me of a dinner to be given in honou of "our" little bride; but I wish I could drop in upon them, & see how cosy they look. There are so many things I want to hear about them, then after presents &c -

I also often think of you, B. Diana & Eva & wonder where & how you are. But I dont want you to think of writing to me until you too come to a real pause, tho' I hope it wont be at all like mine. I do so hope that you are thoroughly enjoying a rest,

& allowing other people the privilege of  
making you happy & doing everything  
for you, as you have so often done  
for others.

We have a little bright October  
weather; but winter seems to be  
coming early -

Please tell Eva that Mrs Vines &  
the Child Harold have arrived,  
the latter is a fine little fellow  
& much made of by Prof. Hutton -

Mrs Vines motherliness is an improvement  
to her we all think -

Give Eva my love, I hope she is  
taking life sumily, indeed I am  
sure she is - With kindest greetings

to D. Dawson & much love to yourself  
in which Mother unites with kindest  
remembrances from Papa. Believe me  
Yours lovingly Sybil Wilton.

I am still investigating the subject of training or  
what we are by nature having most to do with our  
character. Mr. Markland's opinion is that out of 100 boys  
10 you can't make good & 90 can't make bad 180