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46 St George St

My dear Lady Dawson

Your kind letter
should not have been left
so long unanswered, for it
gave me so much pleasure
to receive such loving con-
gratulations - You know by
this time that Papa prefers
to be called by his old name;
but we do not, on that account
the less value such kind
congratulations as yours, &
I have been much pleased at

all the kind things, that have
been said about Papa & also
at the honour done to him -

But no one wrote me so delightfully
as you did & you can't think how
very close to you I have felt, since
all those nice long talks we had
over the fire last winter, when you
let me deeper into your heart
than ever before -

We are now quite comfortably
settled in our cosy little
home, which in private we
have named "Bencosie" & which
we like very much - But the
process of crossing the street &
coming down this little way,
"us & our belongings", which has
seemed so many before, is some

thing so appallingly dreadful,
that it must be gone through, in
order to be understood -

We came to the conclusion, at
one stage, when the library was
being transported, that our
best friends were those who
had borrowed our books &
not returned them - but now
we begin to love the new library
& all it contains -

The garden is tiny; but we've
a very nice verandah, which
overlooks not only our own
estate; but three adjoining ones -

I had a kind letter from Anna
will you thank her for it & say
that I will answer by & by
as letters have accumulated much
of late - the talk of the white

Mountains again if Eva would
like to join us, we should be
pleased to take care of her -

If so would she write to

Silas B. Elliot Esq. - Waterville
Campton Village
New Hampshire
U. S.

I ask if she could have a
room in the same house as
we are in - I do not know when
we leave not before the 15th or
17th but probably not much
later - We took our rooms
last summer - I wish you
would go - Anna too -

Papa has just returned from
a visit to Princeton. He went
to be present at the inauguration

2 as President of an old student
of his & was much pleased
with all he saw. He spent
two days in New York; but there
the heat was terrible, however
I was glad he should have
the rest & change after the
fatigue of moving. I am still
more glad to have him at
home again, for I was so
lonely without him -

I remember as I look up at
the wall that Eva was very
disapproving about light paper,
so she will be glad to know
(if kind enough to be interested)
that the drawing is terra
cotta in grain with a very pretty

wide

border of terra cotta & blue, &
dark wood-work.

How many times, I should like
to have had your advice, being
weakminded & not sure of
my own opinions, until a thing
is up & then too late, I know
quite well whether I like it or
not. So far I have been rather
lucky in my choice -

You see how full of "things
material" my mind is; but
it is best to write about what
one is thinking of, rather than
what one ought to be dwelling
upon - it comes fresher - So
goodby dear kind friend,
with love to yours & yours
Yours very affectionately
Sue Wilson