

Lydia Wilson.



Tuesday, Evening  
near Kingston

My dear Lady Dawson

I think our regret at being separated from you all, must be keeping back the boat, for we are not as far from you, as we ought to be now & as it is pretty rough even here in the river it is more than probable that we shall be storm stayed at Kingston & have to wait there.

--- Wed. night. Toronto.

At that stage it became very rough & soon after we reached Kingston that is about 7 o'clock, instead of some time between three & five - Aunt Dora & Gertrude Allen had been waiting for us for hours, & carried us off to Alvington, where

dinner had been detained until  
our arrival - We spent a pleasant  
evening with them & returned  
to the boat, about ten o'clock,  
laden with hot-house grapes, & they  
they are most kind & hospitable  
& shine at home - The vessel  
did not leave till four in the  
morning & such a time as we had  
of it after that, no one went down  
to breakfast & the 4 who made  
an attempt at dinner, very quickly  
disappeared - Mamma & I slept or  
at least lay down nearly all day &  
between four & five o'clock in  
the afternoon, instead of 8. A. M.  
we reached Toronto & got safely  
home - Papa had been down to  
meet us three times & fortunately  
was at home, Mrs Brown was just

coming away, from her sixth <sup>attempt</sup>  
to welcome us, as she said -

They were all glad to have us  
back, from Papa down to Trine,  
who is very <sup>much more</sup> demonstrative than usual  
for his quiet ways -

We have unpacked, & Mamma  
has gone to bed & already we feel  
at home - We were glad we had  
not persuaded you to be our fellow  
traveller; yet the first part of the  
journey was most pleasant -

Our stateroom was such a nice  
one, with a door opening on to the  
deck, we sat there & read a good  
deal, the first two days, reaching  
"Kiva" & much enjoying our trip  
there - The sail through the islands  
is charming, nearly every island has

a house upon it, many of them very picturesque & most interesting to look at & comment upon their varied styles. Miss Crow will no doubt give you her account of them, I looked out for her, when we passed the steamer near Prescott; but failed to recognise her, if she was there.

Sir Wm Thompson would certainly be right in saying that this communication was intended for section I, & I want to say a little about section V, could I do so at all fully - We all of us feel that we don't know how to thank you for your unbounded kindness to us & for the pleasure we had both during the B. A. & after - We did thoroughly enjoy our visit

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& once more these circles round you & yours a host of happy memories, which will not fail to come up, whenever we think & speak of you & your kind home.

Papa is greatly pleased with the gift you sent to him & will write himself & thank you for it.

Nelly has begun another year of study & that being settled is a comfort, for then it comes to us as God's will & not as something of our own arranging & we have asked Him to direct us about this, so I know it must be right & that is such a help.

Please give Eva a great deal of love from me, I always miss

her so much, after I have been  
living with her, for she has a  
sweet way of oiling the wheels of  
life, its a pity I'm not a son &  
then you would have to answer a  
question for me - I have not yet  
come upon the parcel she evidently  
expected I should find waiting  
for me - so I cant tell her about  
it as I promised -

Mother writes with me in warmest  
love to you & Eva & very kind  
& grateful greetings to Sir William  
& also greetings to William & Lucretia -  
I was grieved at forgetting to bid  
Katharine goodbye, she would never  
have been so ungracious to me, will  
you remember me to her & say I regret  
& once more Believe me  
Yours most truly  
Sybil Wilson