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My dear Lucy Dawson

I won't waste time with apologies, the winter was a very busy one, & lately I have been running about from place to place. Now my thoughts turn homewards & I feel I must thank you for your dear kind letter, before I leave this side.

I can't tell you, how much your words touched me, that your prayer was "Guide her, she is with strangers, & lonely at heart." It was so exactly what I was, utterly & so terribly lonely, in the midst of a crowd of strangers - Your dear letter

with its genuine sympathy & assurance  
of a friend understanding my need  
was so sweet to me -

I am so glad to think that you &  
Sir William had such a restful  
winter. I do hope he will be quite  
restored to health & strength & oh  
I do hope he will give up college  
work & not wear out his life; but  
enjoy a rest at the close -

For my own darling Father, I am  
content, his life was busy; but as  
he said himself it was a very happy  
one -

I intend sailing in the Parisian on  
the 13<sup>th</sup> July; but I know you won't  
then be in Montreal or I should love  
to have a talk with you -

I have seen so many varied phases  
of life - the Deaconess Homes, I have  
not much cared for, though they

do a great deal of wonderful & beautiful work. I shall work on quite a different plan & try to make it more like an ordinary home. I have often thought of your words, of how God's plan was to set people in homes & I quite agree with you. Still there are some who have no home & whose time could be made use of, if there was a home made for them. I will try & do this. I should value your prayers about my work.

In many ways, it has been a terrible year to me; but I've received a great deal of kindness & have countless mercies to thank for. I spent the month of April at

Nice with Aunt Maffie (Mrs  
Oliphant) & my cousins. It was  
very lovely there, such a wonderful  
profusion of exquisite flowers, as  
you would have enjoyed -  
Roses in heaps!

Since then I've been in the country  
with my cousin -

I was so glad to hear news of all  
your circle - I long to hear that  
Rankine is settled; but we must  
wait God's time -

I hope to see Eva & will write to her  
with love to Anna & very much  
to yourself. Aunt Jane asks to be  
lovingly remembered to you. I am beside  
her, she is very feeble now -

Kindest remembrances to Sir William  
Yours most affectionately  
Syrie Colton.