

"I may say he loves you more than
any other all your steps inside;
So, dear child, you need not fear,
that this will be a happy year.
With very kind regards
to Mr. & Mrs. West - Miss M.
I shall be glad to see you
at your wedding to Capt.
Montreal December 31 1786
Believe me affectionally
Mother
She does have
hatched a little
done - great pleasure
& excitement!
Great the day to get
to write to you I now
think that I cannot think
of little us - enumerating; added
to the usual routine as so many
things connected with this season
& unfortunately I promised to make
a boomer for Mrs. Pincus which has
occupied a principal part of today I must
be thinking of pressing things lying undone
The English mail was received
today & I will enclose Perry's letter
as there is not one for you. He

Lady D. to Anna / 70

2

Sent Xmas Cards for Mina, George
Rankine & Mrs Stewart. With
a long letter to Papa Consulting him
about his arrangements after Xmas.
You will be glad to see Lady Syell
is so kind & thoughtful about him
as ever. I you remember he expected
to dine with the Hughs on Monday
after Xmas, so with the kindness
of a few other friends I trust he will
not feel quite forlorn.

Now about your return. You will
please thank Mrs Wilson for me very
Cordially for her kindness in wishing
you to remain. I am very glad you
should have the opportunity of being
so many nice people. Papa tells ^{me} your
return ticket is good until January

10th it having been granted for
 20 days from November 22^d & we think
 you had better not exceed that date,
 except for substantially good reasons.
 The 10th falls on Sunday & it wd be well
 as far as you can without giving
 trouble to inquire about any known
 person coming about that ~~time~~
 you know I have a wholesome dread
 of "wearing out ones welcome". & I wish
you to have the same. Still I should
 be sorry to say peremptorily, Come at that
 date: if you are particularly anxious to
 stay I am sure you are not intruding.

If it shd be so that you wish much
 to stay, you might quietly inquire at
 the ticket office of the G. I. railway if
 they wd extend the return, or allow
 the value of the return & take the
 balance of a full fare. & the answer

would help you to decide, as of
course I wd rather not lose the
value altogether. Do not forget you
are losing time for music German & after
all I have said ask guidance from
our Father in this & all things I trust
us discretion. I have just received
a present of a very handsome mat from
Mary Hunt — a most useful one. Also
half a chus from Mrs Cornish. & a pair
of flower glasses from Mrs P. Redpath.

Mary has made one usual Scotch ham
will make Montreal Monday night & I have
got to go tonight to Sajce's for cake tonight
for Monday. I have not had a moment
to think of decorations. It snows thickly while
I write. I promised in my hurried note yesterday
to answer your letter today & now paper & time
are exhausted without referring to it. Julia goes
home tonight. Miss Mc Donald returns her love to you
& sees her Thursday. I have just been interrupted by
a large parcel of books from Fina. A little one just
got I shall try to forward.
Yours chas Anna