

Somebody  
I have an <sup>envelope</sup> with 3 of your photos  
left two of the envelope. She says  
one I shall get. If there is time  
I shall to get of what you can send  
from or your return. No English  
mail get. ~~But~~ letter from you the  
Western mail however does not  
now ~~arrive~~ before 1 or 2. P.M. so  
there may be one today get.  
I believe I had a letter from Mrs  
in about 10 which she says she  
will gladly allow her ~~envelope~~ to  
wait no in spring. Could Mrs  
Wilson not return with you?  
I shall have loving home.

feel increasingly disappointed should  
tomorrow's mail fail to bring one.

I wrote to you on New Year's eve. Adding  
a note to Mrs Wilson. I at the same

time mailing a small book which  
was sent to you by Jim. All these I  
trust have been received. I also hope  
my note to Mrs Wilson was readable

Margaret to Anna / 71 2.

I was so hurried. I sent two of my photos that Mr. W. might have a choice. I have never had a chance to call for yours. I shall look before closing this if there are any of yours (previously taken) I enclose one or more. There was a very large party at dinner at the Normand's last evening including the Bishop - three brides - two in white satin & one in white silk. The dinner sumptuous beyond description & wearisomely elaborate. It was much greater pleasure to be with the poor women in the House of Refuge in the afternoon. Altogether I have felt dissatisfied with myself for being

at the sick man's table. Notwithstanding  
 we have accepted an invitation  
 to dine at Mr. Campbell's on Friday; this  
 however we think likely to be a moderate  
 & agreeable meeting. Mr. & Mrs. Long I  
 know are expected. I heard last week  
 that Mr. J. Mackay & Miss Gordon are  
 going to Toronto tomorrow, intending to  
 return next week. Altho' this might  
 not be the most agreeable company  
 the time might be suitable. I shall  
 try to inquire where they are to be found  
 & let you know. Monday here was a mild  
 day with occasional snow flurries. It  
 being about the usual number of  
 visitors. You will be extremely sorry to hear  
 that Mr. Brown has become insane. Poor

fellows it seems he was working far too  
 zealously at the survey. besides reaching till  
 2 in the morning at his lodgings. In the  
 meantime he is placed in one of the  
 private wards in the hospital. I told  
 you of Archie Taylor's accident. He goes  
 on improving. Tomorrow he is to have  
 the bandage removed from one eye  
 but it will be a month before he  
 is allowed to look from both. Nina  
 was in for a minute today - she is  
 having a party tonight. Miss Agnes is  
 staying with her. My cloth dress was  
 begun last week but it makes little progress  
 as I have been so distracted by other  
 pressing duties that I have had to cut it  
 at snatches & Eliza has had to stop &  
 pick up odd jobs half a dozen times

Today I went to town for the trimming  
 & got black ribbon retent. Julia  
 went home to spend New Years day &  
 returned to us. She is going home  
 finally on Saturday & tho' she is a very  
 nice child & she gets on very well  
 with her for one reason I shall be  
 glad. & that is, that she has more than  
 quite its looking for want of sleep.  
 She being one of those creatures who  
 seem to need little or need to  
 nothing of rest herself. I have been  
 told that Miss — the youngest Miss  
 Plimsale has become a Christian & was  
 baptized in St. George's Church one  
 day lately. Her mother is a Baptist.

I now dear Anna let me apologize  
 for the wretched letters I have written to  
 you. I especially for the present but I am  
 in anything rather than in a writing mood  
 & the clatter around me in the park  
 is indescribable. I really cannot command  
 my thoughts to finish with the good  
 advice I wish to give you. Tomorrow my  
 lesson for Miss Linn's & the meeting will  
 prevent my adding any more tomorrow. I do  
 hope you are perfect in your speech  
 & cautious about your health & very quiet &  
quiet in your manner. Make simple  
beautiful statements letting your yes mean  
yes & your no mean no. Georgina Campbell sends her  
 love. Mr Egan his remembrance. Cornish returned  
 yesterday. I have not seen him. My kind  
 regards to the Wilson's - Please destroy my letters.  
 I shd be ashamed if anyone see them. Rankin  
 & I send return this love for you. With all love from  
 Papa. Yours ever loving. Mamma