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Miss Dawson
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My dear Miss Dawson,

The enactments of the long Parliament, which has been in session ever since Society was first formed, (I mean the Parliament of Woman, which enacts unwritten laws for the protection of its own sex) decree that young gentlemen, and "old young gentlemen" in particular, are not permitted to make presents to young ladies except on certain occasions which are deemed right and proper.

The step, my dear friend, which you are about to take, being the most important in life,
alike

alike to both directly concerned,
presents a fitting opportunity to
those in sympathy with you
to mark the event by some
token expressive of their
affectionate interest in your
welfare.

With that object in view
I have selected, and hope you will
accept from me the accompanying
Tea Service, composed of a Tea pot,
a Coffee-pot, Water Kettle, cream jug,
Sugar bowl and Tea tray. - a set of
three saucers, and an Ice pitcher and
tray.

You may note that your
Monogram A. E. D., which I instructed
should be engraved upon each piece,
by a singular coincidence, is
composed of the same letters as
the last three of my surname.

I regretted not having an idea
of your personal taste in the
choice, and can only hope the
pattern and design may meet
with your approval; and sometimes
to have the pleasure of a cup
of the cheering beverage with you
in your new, and what I sincerely
hope in my heart of hearts, will be
your happy, happy home

Wishing you every blessing
that life, in all its vicissitudes,
can supply, believe me to be
your sincere friend

W. M. Donald

Montreal May 27th 1846.