

W. G. Wilson, M.A.
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My dear Principal Dawson

I received your kind letter of the 12th inst on the afternoon of the 24th. Strange to say Mr Dawson's letter of the 16th arrived first - namely with the morning delivery of the same day.

I need scarcely say we were all delighted to hear of Mr Dawson's safe arrival at home - we had previously learned that a telegram announced the arrival of the ship "Victorian" by which we were assured of the safety of the vessel, and that was a comfort to us.

It is very gratifying to know that you are all happily reunited - especially George - however he is quite well & cheerful, and I think has

enjoyed his holiday very much.

I am very sorry you have given yourself any anxiety about the sale of the Cottage at Berrysland - there has in reality been no trouble whatever, nor any expense beyond the bare rent. And there was no unpleasantness in the end so far as the case concerned, any question between Tailor & Co. and I was entirely between them selves and I got Receipts from Cooper for the money with Lady's concurrence.

I am glad of the news & glad you enjoy in Canada, and indeed we have all great reasons to be thankful to the Goodness of all good for our happy lot instead of being involved in war as the poor French & Germans.

My father, Lucia is arrived at home last night and we were all out to receive them - they are both

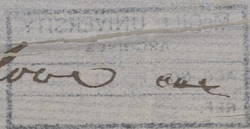
looking very well and enjoyed
their three weeks trip amazingly.

We had a very cheerful evening
and the only drawback was the
absence of Mr Dawson - we are
sure that if it had been possible
for her to remain and see them safe
in their beautiful house, it would
have gratified her exceedingly.

The piece of cake for the young folks
goes by this mail and the only apology
we can offer for its not being sent
sooner is that Mr. Turner enjoined on
us not to send it till his return,
as he could manage its transmission
rather with more certainty than
us.

My dear wife will write as soon as
possible & up to this time she has been
element of much occupation as when
Mr Dawson was here, between Sam's
house and our own.

Lizzie sends her love



Bellevue Oct 20

My wife received Annie's note, and
she writes with me and all the rest
we feel love to answer to you all

Yours sincerely
Kate Bell

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