

Williamson Talbot

My dear lady Dawson

Your sweet letter, & the  
lovely tempting photograph arrived  
yesterday, when we were already shooled  
& hurried to go & welcome the  
"Canadian La Cross Team" & to watch  
a combat between <sup>them</sup> our College team  
which for the moment is Champion  
of the North of England.

We went wondering whether it  
would be more pleasant to tell you  
we were beaten, or the contrary.

We know now - what you of  
course will have learned long ago by  
word, that we are most decidedly  
beaten; but beaten by play so beautiful,  
we are quite sure where the pleasure lay.

Our men fought hard & when the  
Canadians confessed they had to use their  
best endeavours to keep their opponents under  
but every movement of the Canadians  
succeeded in grace & certainly the

The Successor Cottage just now forms one of our Drawing Room table ornaments & is one of the ready daily reminders of dear friends - I should very much like to show it <sup>in a</sup> picture this morning & humbly ventured to suggest that Dr Williamson might <sup>accept</sup> an invitation to Kailuere from Mr Mitchell Henry, which does not tempt me because of its fraudulence. I could then come & spend a little time with you. The pathetic - No Annie made me almost ashamed to have dreamed of so long a separation. So, dear friend I can see no chance; but, should, as you well know, very much like it. We have lately been living very near you in thought. Sir William's book came one copy from himself another asking for a short Review - this kept you all in mind, ~~that~~ was not one before the Sea Cross Team appeared - each of which has been very pleasant. Thank you for your warm reception of my little book. I shall

be delighted to show you all the Maori Houses & will embrace the very first opportunity of doing so, to both you & Eva. Meanwhile you will be glad to know the small thing is considered a success - I suppose Sale is a fair test & "Sallow" was well sold out on its first monthly fortnight - To me the preparation & the result have been an unbroken & very great pleasure. I hardly knew how many dear people were still living to be proud of it for my own sake, apart from the subject. My old teachers and another & very old friends - the reminder has been delicious. We too are all well - Dr Williamson much stronger & better than for some years past - Herbert growing much too fast but well, & at this moment copying a miniature portrait of Moya for Edith's birthday card - She, Edith & I are also well & busy - We are thinking of Switzerland for our summer holiday this year - when the time comes we will picture you in your cottage - on the heights of us in our unpretentious Inn on the Engstler Alp, near the Jock Pass under Titlis. We send every wish for long life & happiness to your new grandson, and our love to you all - Believe me ever affectionately yours  
Annie C. Williamson

efforts of our Englishmen - We think  
the build of the Torontians slighter  
than that of our men, their dress is  
more picturesque, & their tone cooler.  
In fact, watching them was one of the  
greatest pleasures in Athletics I have known.

D. Williamson chatted with some of the  
men during interval - Asked if they  
knew Dr. Wilson? at first there was no look  
of recognition at the mention of the name.

Dr. W. said the "head of your Toronto College  
I mean" - Then one man said "Oh you  
mean the learned Dr. Wilson - yes we know  
who he is - but he is learned he don't  
see him" - Then Dr. Williamson asked  
if they ever played in Montreal -

"Oh yes, almost as often as in Toronto."

"Do you know my friend  
Sir William Dawson? Instantly a  
bright gleam passed over the faces,  
& a response as hearty as could be  
said. "Oh yes, everyone who loves  
Canada knows Sir William."