

Birth of
Alice and
Ruth's death -

Montreal
Saturday Evening
Nov 8th 1913

My dear Mrs. Harrington

Lois and I have just read your nice letter of the 5th. It has done Lois good to hear from you. She and the baby are both in the best of health thanks largely to Dr. Little and Miss Saxe in whom Lois has the greatest confidence.

I hope my first letter to you was not written too much on the spur of the moment.

I think you will be most interested in Lois, so I will tell you about her.

She came home in the ambulance last Saturday and Lois got comfortably to bed. Lois was so happy to be home again. When the news became bad about poor Ruth I consulted Dr. Little who told me to keep Lois fully

informed and to tell her that these ² were his orders. This made her much more confident of her own condition. When the final news had come and I had told her as well as I could, Dr Little very kindly called and advised her not to ask for any more particulars until she was sitting up. Lois was awfully good and did as he asked for the sake of her baby. Today I told her that the service had been in your house and that everyone had been very brave.

Lois has been sitting up for two days and today she and the nurse greeted my return from the window-sill. This afternoon Dr. Little paid what he said was his final call and pronounced Lois' condition as highly satisfactory. He did not need

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to ask about the baby who was out
on the verandah asleep in her
basket. The baby is gaining weight
daily and her little back and
chest now look plump as a partridge.

As Lois did not know about the
service at the time, I felt she would
be glad afterwards to feel that in
some way she had really in some
way taken part. So I had designed
as nice a wreath as I could think
of and sent it from Lois and me.
Lois was pleased when I told her.
And Clara told me that Ted noticed
it and was pleased.

The service was gravely and most
solemnly taken by Dr Symonds. Everything
seemed so deeply sincere because
everyone present seemed to be dear
personal friends.
Miss Jessie Bell spent the afternoon

with Lois and later Clare (I think
she is wonderful) brought Will and
Eva over to tea. Will brought Lois
a little brick of ice-cream which
pleased her greatly. It was not
till next morning that Lois heard
about the service.

Sunday AM.

Today we weighed the baby. She
seems to be a full 9 pounds by your
(or Lady Dawson's) spring scales. I thought
she was heavier still but the scales
were so jumpy that we tried again.
This is a gain of 3 or 4 ounces in 3 days.

I am not able to be very closely in
touch with the family but they seem
to be getting along wonderfully well
considering. Heber is also said to be
better - practically well again.

We have got a little bottle now for
giving the baby a drink of water if she
wakes too early for meals. Lois will
write soon she says! With all our love and
sympathy Yours affectly Edward S. Winslow