

Dear Mr Andreassen June 6/69.

Since giving you the memoirs of my Grandparents, I have felt a little sorry that up till that time I had been unable to find any letters which dealt with their Mid-East trip in 1884. However since seeing you last in Montreal I came upon a bundle of letters mixed in with my Mother's, which proved to be letters covering this tour and are extremely interesting - The majority of these are written by my Grandmother, but there are several also by Sir Wm and a number of their daughter Eva's who accompanied them on this journey.

I brought these letters with me when I came to America in April and since ^{they} have typed out all the interesting parts for them, which amounts to about 50 odd pages - it was a tedious job but most fascinating as well - Many of my Grandmother's letters covered 12 pages of closely written words on thin paper - As a whole the writing is even & good - but in some

parts quite baffling - many of the
places in Egypt & Palestine, I
could not make out at all - even with
the help of an Atlas - It is possible
that some of these names may have
been changed, or were not important
enough to mark on maps. Possibly
some of these names might be
discovered by going through ^{Spence's} ~~the~~ book
"Bible Lands" published in 1888 -

These letters are certainly very
revealing as to the characteristics of
Sir Wm & Lady D.

If you have any free time and
would care to glance over the first
rough draft, I would be glad to mail
it to you. You will find, I fear,
plenty of spelling mistakes and
typographical errors. - but this ^{has} ~~was~~
is difficult to avoid when ^{I was} ~~you are~~
typing direct for the letters, and
changing & rearranging ^{as I was} ~~it goes~~ along,
while going

I think that part or all of these pages should be added to the memoirs — perhaps the second section. — I cannot help feeling that if all this information could be further sorted out and rearranged in some more improved way, it would make an interesting ~~little~~ ^{small} book. I wonder if you have any further ~~ideas~~ ^{thoughts} on the subject.

Almonte is quite lovely now with its full river, sparkling waterfalls & ~~abundant~~ ^{abundance of} flowers. I have had a difficult time getting my garden planted as we have had such variable weather. I expect that you also will be having the same problems with your garden in St Eustache. ^{anyway} but it is delightful to ~~again~~ ^{again} have summer after the long & rigorous winter. — my best wishes & very kind regards to you. Sincerely
L.W.S.