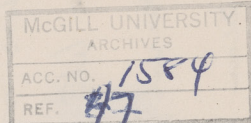


out here, yet she was one of the  
very few that I always did see  
whenever I was back in Montreal,  
& it was always the same old  
relationship. I still miss her being  
welcome greatly. It was in 1913  
that I saw her last. I had heard  
nothing of her being ill two past  
year, so that it came as a great  
shock to hear that she was no longer  
with us.

Please do not feel that you have  
to answer this. I know how much  
writing you will have to do. But when  
you have time later I should like very  
much to hear from you a of what you

John & Co. That  
my home would be  
impossible, I feel sure.  
Always dear love  
Your old friend  
Rachel Skelton

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September 13, 1917 -

I am sure you will know  
how grieved I am to hear that your  
dear mother has left us. I want  
to tell you first of my deep & very  
loving sympathy with you, left us  
so lonely after your many, many  
years of care, first for me & then  
another of your dear ones. Those last  
years when you were more free for  
companionship with your mother must

have been very precious to you. I  
am quite sure that it was not  
possible for a daughter to be a  
greater comfort to her mother than  
you were, a that must now be  
a great comfort to you, the greatest.  
For I do believe that to have well &  
faithfully fulfilled the relationships  
of life, as you, dear Anne, have, is  
one of the things most to be desired  
in life.

I think much of you & wonder if  
you are now the only one left at  
home & if so what you will do.  
Eve Skarr was married lately; she  
would have only "Poppy". I can't

remember if he is old enough to come under the  
draft, or if he has perhaps already gone.

You seem my prettiest wife your mother  
died from before you were born. She was my  
first friend in Scotland outside the family circle,  
& many a morning Anne & I would sit in the  
old house near the College, upstairs in the nursery  
(or was it her bedroom?) when there were still only  
two or three of you. She always made me believe  
& let me feel free to come at any time, as if  
I meant a great deal to her. And while Anne  
sees her so little since we have had to live