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Dearest Mamma,

Here we

are at last after a very  
long & tedious journey, papa  
wrote to you from the  
Hotel yesterday morning  
so I suppose you know  
that we got ~~to~~ Toronto  
at 3 A. M. I had to go to  
the Queen's till morning,  
the rooms were so fearfully  
cold that I could not sleep  
at all an early hair raise  
you may fancy how cold  
it was when I tell you that  
my hair was so cold that  
in dressing it my fingers  
became quite numb - oh!  
how delightful it was to  
go down stairs, warm ourselves  
at a fire & then have a del.

the snow



since warm breakfast, I shall retain a savory recollection of those buckwheat cakes & mutton chops, for many a long day. We drew out here at about nine & were very kindly received. Capt. & Mrs. Bell were breakfasting here & so we were quite a large party, the newly married pair came up here to stay all night as their servant had not arrived. Capt. Bell perfectly beams with happiness & seems to exult in the general atmosphere. Where his wife is rather pretty, delicate complexion, large blue eyes, tall & rather a good figure, she bestows any amount of affection on her husband who however evidently enjoys it exceedingly, but fails in all those pretty ways of returning



it which some men have  
to such perfection, I think  
him very nice & should not  
have minded marrying him  
myself, if I had had a chance.  
Miss Wilson is very plain  
but very nice & good, Mrs  
W. very easy going & motherly  
in fact the whole household  
arrangements are allowed  
gently to glide on, without  
frantic shouting or eager  
driving. I went to one of  
the Ladies lectures yesterday  
which was in the university  
as Prof. Cherryman wanted  
to show his class some experiment  
<sup>our</sup> which he needed his college  
apparatus, the one I heard  
was Prof. Wilson on Lennyron  
a perfectly splendid lecture  
so clear & interesting, & as he  
quoted a good deal, it  
was delightful. I went all  
over the university which



certainly is magnificent  
even more so than I ex-  
pected, stone steps carved  
pillars gothic windows &  
panel halls combining to  
form an enchanting whole.  
Papa's lecture was very  
good, & delivered to not a  
very large audience, I  
should think but they  
say that it was a very  
good audience for Toronto  
as the inhabitants are not  
given to delighting in evening  
lectures. The house has  
a large double drawing room  
on one side & a dining room &  
study on the other, evening  
very comfortable but not in  
the least fun, our house is  
much more handsome, they  
have the horrible plan of gage  
pines, at this moment my face  
is roasting & my back feels  
in arctic regions, they are not  
so civilized as we in another respect  
just fancy having no water closet in the  
house, but having to make us persons out things.



Mrs Wilson desires to see her  
her kind regards sent to you  
& regrets so much that she  
should not have had the  
opportunity of knowing you  
better. Miss Wilson is engaged  
in all sorts of good work  
she has just now gone out to  
read to the women in a  
reformatory they have for  
those who steal drink, or  
have fallen, they are compelled  
to remain a year. Then she  
has a district which she  
visits, & the whole family  
seem to take a great interest  
in a news boys home which  
I am to go & see some day  
soon.

Give my love to dear old  
William & tell him that the  
sandy has made my recollection  
of him very sweet. I would  
like to write to Frank & Edna  
but do not like to write all  
the morning so please give  
them my love & a kiss between

them, which will afford  
an agreeable subject of de-  
bate till I return.

Wishing you all a  
merry & most happy  
new year, dearest man-  
na I remain as ever

Your own loving  
Anna.

Give Miss McDonald my  
love when you see her

Arrival at Toronto.

People seen  
lectures etc

