

4. Alderson Gardens

Dorset W.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 94.

My dear Lady Dawson

I have to thank  
you very sincerely for your  
kind letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup>  
written just when you  
were in the midst of  
all the pressure of the  
meeting of the Association.

We can thoroughly understand  
and sympathise with your  
longing for the quiet of  
family life again, after all  
your journeying through  
the winter and spring  
and your arduous labours  
of the summer, and  
we hope that by this time  
you have had some  
of the rest you must  
all have needed.

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Your kind information  
about Mr Popham, was  
a great relief to Miss Brooks  
for her family were naturally  
anxious about her going  
to stay in the house of a  
perfect stranger, but they  
felt quite reassured by  
your account.

I think you will like  
Miss Brooks, she is devoted  
to her profession of portrait  
painting, for 7 years she  
worked hard, never took  
a holiday, and at the  
end of that time six of  
her paintings were accepted  
and hung in the Royal  
Academy, all the time  
she was studying she  
supported herself and  
had no help but £10, which  
she borrowed from her  
Father and soon repaid.

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such energy & perseverance  
derived success, and she  
has been most successful  
she has painted many  
distinguished people, and  
exhibited every year in  
the Academy. Her object  
in going to Canada is to  
get portraits to paint, &  
she intends spending  
six months in Montreal  
and painting her Academy  
picture there. Mr. & Mrs. Popham  
have kindly asked her to  
stay with them till she  
has looked out some  
lodgings to suit her.

I have only made her  
acquaintance lately but she  
is a friend of some  
friends of mine who  
got to know Miss Brooks  
through her paintings.

Many of her pictures  
have been photographed  
and she is taking these

\* photographs to Canada so  
you will be able to judge  
of her style.

Friends are beginning  
to return from Canada  
all so delighted with their  
experiences, some of them  
seem to have had thrilling  
adventures. I've seen  
several since their return  
and they all told him  
that the printing was  
most successful, and  
the papers were excellent.

I had a long letter from  
Mr Beaufort on Friday  
written from my brother's  
house in Vella and where  
he was staying, he is  
very much pleased  
with all he has seen &  
heard, he went to the  
Rocky Mountains, and

~~H. Nelson & Co.~~

Sir William and yourself  
and again thanking you  
for all the trouble you  
have so kindly taken to  
answer my questions

Believe me dear  
Lady Dawson

Yours affectionately  
Kate Rae

D<sup>r</sup> Rae begs me to give  
a specially affectionate  
message from him to  
"Miss Eva,"

Mr Howard of Toronto,  
and her daughter have  
just been to see us,  
I saw my son & Mrs  
them, and their cousin  
Colonel C. W. Robinson, he  
is to be married next  
Thursday to the eldest  
daughter of Sir Archibald Wilson.

Kate Rae

Angie  
Hoe Cook

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