

But all it needs is a few lines  
to convey my loving  
regards to you & your family  
I am, dear Sir,  
Yours truly,  
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Remembered  
to you & your family  
New York

Dear Lady Dawson,  
I must take a few minutes from this busy day - the last of the year - when one wishes to finish up their round of duties to the absent, as well as those present, to write a few lines not only to thank you for your letter of Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sir William's Books, both received while I was in New York - also

wishes that the New  
Year may be one full  
of prosperity to you all  
in domestic contentment  
& love & in your outside  
work for the good of others.  
I have never, of course,  
been in your position, but  
have sympathised always  
in all such work as you  
& yours are engaged in  
& I feel how much pressed  
you must be on all sides,  
& how there is need of  
many more animated  
by your spirit to assist  
in the great work you  
are doing. I see too how  
as you say - you are all

working without reference  
to personal ease. I do wish  
you could have managed  
to come out - say the last  
of Feb. & March. Eva would  
find rest in the exceeding  
difference between the pine  
forests of Fla. & the fine  
architecture of a city  
like Montreal.

But I have not time  
to dwell on this & many  
other things I would like  
to speak of. I must thank  
you for the Gilded Anchor  
of Hope you selected as  
a xmas token for me.  
I was happy to think I  
had a share of yours

thoughts at a time when  
natural claims have  
so much the precedence.

A letter from Nelly  
this morning speaks of  
health & comfort in  
her new house & home  
& I do think she will  
soon be entirely able  
to attend to all her so-  
cial & other duties. I  
shall write more another  
time. My intention is  
to go over to England in  
the summer & to take  
the trip by way of Canada  
so as to - (my son suggests)  
join your party over.