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My dear Lady Dawson.

Since my note of

Christmas, Greeting & Joseph was written to you, there has come so much of interest from your Circle, I may be allowed to acknowledge the whole in a second note to you.

The first arrival of that almost within five weeks of my letter to you ^{being posted} but so late as to prevent any mention in that letter, was

Loas & Mr. Atkins' Portraits. From the portrait, if one may judge; I think we may almost congratulate you, not on the loss of your child that must be terrible to you, but on the acquisition of a good grave

Don - His face is beautiful! -

I hope also on the acquisition of
a home on this side the Atlantic;
in this selfishness is not an
unknown quantity -
When is our welcome of Eva to
be ready? -

The next arrival was the
"Christmas Number" with its
capitulated array of reprints from
Ald Mason. Comparing it with
our own "News No." I think
we carry the palm - We
generally fill our magazine
with original sketches both
pictorial & literary - I notice too
in Canada & the States a tendency
to reprint, certainly the reprints

give best value for the money
spent, whether however this is the
best way of valuing art produc-
-tion, I am not sure.

The third & very welcome
arrival was Sir William's paper
on Educated Women, for which
we were kindly paid to him my
enclosed thanks -

These second arrivals came
at the time when we were in
London, where we went immediately
after Christmas Day. I spent our holiday
"my men" to indulge in professional
work that could not be done at home.

Our visit was only half a success
for Infleenza continued to
thwart us, the power we could
control, but Infleenza was quite too
much for us. Not that it had

hands upon us personally, but
it attacked some one in almost
every family we wished to see -
However we are home now & all well,
the difficulties will disappear, & the
advantages increase in remembrance. -

I have already told you our
family well being, & our anxiety,
so will not trouble you with a
second edition.

Accept my dear Lady Danson most
heart-felt good wishes for the future
well being of your child - Separation
from her must be a trouble to you,
apart from that, I trust you will
find her marriage to be only pleasant
to yourself as well as to her - I should
like to hear some thing of your plans
when they are formed - Meanwhile
will you kindly give to her my
warmest congratulations & thanks for
the portrait - With our united love to
yourself I am my dear Lady Danson
most affectionately - A.C. Williamson