

Please write me to the Harringtons & Mrs Dawson. A great friend of Miss Petrie and Miss Dawson the other

Ben Pugh dining Yorkshire

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My dear Lady Dawson

My!

I thank you so much for your very delightful letter and congratulations; it was no mind of you to write with all your engagements and other matters to attend to, and I did feel rather chasty that I had not written specially to you, but I know you will understand what a volume of correspondence is involved in getting employed! Your letter was quite one of the best we have received, & they number already some hundreds, for as you will notice - we have a common stock already in kind friends & their congratulations, & Miss Petrie was so much pleased when I read her your kind letter. You have been soacious enough to estimate Miss Petrie highly,

2 I know that when you see her
you will find you are not mistaken.
I suppose it is a common failing for
one in my position to speak good things
of the lady of their choice, but I have
no modesty in the matter as I think I
can judge as well as others: I am
sending you a little pamphlet addressed
by Miss Petrie to the members of her
"College by Post"; by which you will see
the circumstances attending our unity,
& understand how strongly we both feel
that God has given each to the other: the
unity was not self sought but truly
providential in the real sense. You already
know that Miss Petrie is a Christian
woman, a term I need not define in
writing to you, and that all the energy
of her strong character & fine intellect
have been: are to be devoted to the
service of Christ: she is possessed of the
rare gift of sanctified common sense,
& is eminently practical in all things.

with all her gifts she is extremely simple,
a combination that, to me, adds as much
to the interest as to the value of her character.
But while so simple, she has that
peculiar shrewdness instinctive to the
Scotch. I need not say she is very proud
of her nationality, & it is not the least
pleasing element of her expectations of
Canada that she shall find so many
of "her own people" there: she is proud
daughter of Sir John Dunbar who fought
for Prince Charlie in 1745, & descended
from Randolph Earl of Murray who led
the Scots at Bannockburn: the Dunbar
family were descended from the old Kings
of Calloway, & ^{was} one of the oldest in Scotland.
I would not attempt to give you any
description of her appearance, you
must judge of that when you see her,
except that I might say that some
people think she has a very fine and
intelligent face: I am thankful to say
she enjoys excellent health - no
amount of work seems to tire her!

You can well imagine - as in your letter
you say. what a bright future of happy
possibilities all this promises to me: If it
were only easier to realize what a
priceless treasure a good wife is, & what
a wonderful expression of God's goodness,
I think I should be quite beside myself!
As it is the finest great happiness in
looking forward, knowing that as we are
surrendered to Him He will make our
lives all He intends them to be.

We hope to be married on the 27th at
the Parish Ch.: of Newington, & shall
spend a week in Yorkshire or Westmoreland,
sailing by the Teutonic on the 2nd September.

I do indeed feel for you in all your
troubles, & know how trying they must
be, but I feel they are for the best, espec-
ially for Sir William, & am really glad to be
able to think of him devoting future years to
the completion of his research work - un-
fettered by the demands of ^{the} ~~an~~ increasing
& expanding College - dear as it is & always
will be. So many thanks for your kind
love to my mother - who is with me now,
(we are spending a few days in Yorkshire)
& sends her warmest love. Ever yours sincerely
Crosby Carns Wilson