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My dear Lady Dawson

The good ship
brought us safely & very com-
fortably home, we arrived
on Wednesday & there was my
friend Mr. Swift, waiting
for me - Strangely enough, while
waiting a Mr. Lee to whom
her Father had given an introduction
to us 14 years ago, came up to
talk to her & among other things
said - "Where is your friend Miss

Wilson now?" "Why, we just come
here to meet her," was the reply -
And so Mr. Lee took charge
of my trunks, silver trunk
& all & they were thus! the
Custom house, without a word,
off to the railway - Every step
of the way from first to last has
been a step of mercy & loving -
kindness & I would say to any one
with a big undertaking before
them, don't look forward; but
just take each step as it comes,
& you will wonder to find how
easy it becomes - Still I think
few people have so many dear
& loving friends, as I have; a
part of the inheritance, my dear
parents left me

The reason I am staying over here,
is that I c~~o~~ not get black clothes
in Toronto, there was no time, &
I intend returning to Edinburgh
on Monday morning - I got things here
more quickly, than I should have got
them there, as I said they must be
ready by Sat. at latest. I wrote
to Grace & asked her to meet me in
town, wh^{ch} she very kindly did -
I wish you could have seen her,
she was looking so pretty & so
lady-like, ^{not that I am surprised at that!} She had on a neat
grey cloth coat & skirt & a
pretty pink front, with white
lace flappery adorning it. Her
hat suited her so well, a grey
felt one, so simply trimmed
& so lady-like - She did not look
the day's order, then in the vest

days. I told her all I could,
think of; about you & all the
pleasant days I spent with you.
It was very nice to get even
a peep of her. I should like to
have accepted her kind in-
vitation to go home with her
for the night & see the children
but it was not possible.

I shall be so glad to hear
how you & Sir William are,
& I know that Anna will send
me a line, whenever she has
time. - It is much to know
that all things that can come
to you, my dear friends are
contained in the promise to those
who love God. His love & His care
are watching over you, & no evil can come to you.
With warmest love. Believe me,
Yours very affectionately
Sybil Allen -