




My dear Mrs. Dawson

This seemed a very roundabout way, of doing things, to trouble you with a letter to Anna, — I apologise heartily for doing it, and, had I not full experience of your kindness of heart, I would not think of taxing it thus, — But, in fact, dear Mrs. Dawson, I do not in the least remember (if I ever knew,) the number of Anna's house in University Street, and I said to myself, — "I think I will presume on Mrs. Dawson's good nature, so far, as to write a few lines to her, and enclose a note for her to give to Anna," — and, as

you see, I am now carrying out  
my plan! — — It is, however, dear  
Mrs. Dawson, I confess, very  
pleasant to  me, to have  
so good an excuse, for  
addressing a few lines to you. —  
— I feel that they may bring  
me a few lines in answer  
soon. — I am quite sure, you  
are not one of those who think,  
that, when a woman is married,  
her old friends must be  
forgotten, or held in less esteem.  
— It is true, the tie overrides,  
and, in some sort, supersedes  
all others; — but one pities, and  
in a way, scorns, those who think  
that old and tried friendships  
are ever to be forgotten, because  
of the sweet new relationship. —  
— On the contrary, I think  
that where it is taken in a  
right spirit, it does but  
deepen and enrich the  
course of old ties. — I must

from  
Anna Gale. (Hunt).