

Papa sends very  
kind regards to  
you & dear Mrs. Dawson,  
I gave them both your  
messages for which  
he sends many thanks.  
I am a mile with  
mine I warmest love  
& we all desire to  
hear from you  
I am ever  
yours very affectionately  
J. Sybel writes

ashamed, when I think how  
many days have passed with-  
out my writing to you.  
But I know you will understand  
how the time has slipped away.  
Friends have so kindly hastened  
to give us a hearty welcome,  
that we have found it very  
difficult to get our things  
out of our trunks, & still  
more so, to get them, when out,  
into any kind of order.



It is pleasant to be thus warmly  
greeted & to find ourselves  
surrounded by such kind  
friends.

To go back to the time when  
we left your friendly roof-  
Our journey home was uneventful  
& pleasant, the brilliant foliage  
made the woods interesting  
without, & a dear little baby  
boy, amused us within. At  
Brockville two of our Sardinian  
companions again joined us,  
& when all other amusements  
failed, we went to sleep.

It was late when we reached  
Toronto; but Papa was there  
to meet us & we were soon  
safe again at home. When



we found that Annie & Bella  
had everything ready for our  
comfort.

Since then we have been doing  
nothing but seeing friends.

Nelly & I took lunch at Castle  
Frank on Saturday. Julia  
Carpmael was there with her  
little ones, & anxious to hear  
all about Anna & her babies.  
She is very far from strong, I  
am sorry to say.

Papa is very busy indeed &  
if you see Toronto papers, you  
will know that the University  
& its affairs are not allowed  
to sink into oblivion.

The two young Professors have  
appealed to us to befriend



them in the difficulty of being  
servantless, a trouble which  
always deeply excites my  
sympathy. Next Friday week  
is Convocation day & we are  
to have a large party in the  
evening. So life has begun again  
with its duties & pleasure for us  
all; but for many a day the  
pleasures of our trip will permeate  
everything with bright memories,  
& among them all we shall  
not forget the kind way in  
which you 'sped' our parting,  
& welcomed our coming. It was  
so nice to see you all & to have  
your kind interest in all that  
we had been seeing & doing.  
Please give my love to Anna