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My dear Mr. Dawson

Do you look upon me as the most striking monument of ingratitude, you ever came across? Sending letter after letter, as long as I wanted your kind services & then relapsing into silence, as soon as you had so successfully done all we wanted. However I am sure you understand how certain things must be done at once & so get done, while one seeks day after day for a spare moment for the things one

desires to do. Thank you for your
note & the money it contained,
I am sure I need not explain
that my anxiety was lest I had
not sent sufficient to cover
every expense, not any fear that
I had sent too much.

Of course we have not yet heard
of the Andiphone, there is not
time enough - but I shall not
fail to send you early news of
its success.

Now I want to tell you of our
students' parties, which have been
most successful. We have had
them every Saturday night
lately. It is a bad night; but we
cannot help it, as they hold their
debating society meetings on

Friday evenings. Papa invites them to come from 9 till 11. We have a great deal of music, I provided myself with several books of songs with choruses in which they seem delighted to join. I think they are much more amused with their own performances, than with any one else's. We have had a reading from Shakespeare each night occupying half an hour or three quarters, very much to the satisfaction of the audience. One night we had the Trial scene in the Merchant of Venice, another a part of Henry IV.th &c. We arrange beforehand who is to read. Each person takes a character, &

reads it all through. We get ladies
to take their parts, although
Papa distinguished himself by
reading the Nurse's part in
Romeo & Juliet - I don't know
whether you have ever tried
anything of this sort, we
consider it a capital idea -
How is Eva? Does she feel
contented in Canada after
her delightful wanderings?
I am just going up to see Julia
who starts for California in
a week. We are all so grieved
& anxious about her; but I trust
this timely change, may renew
her strength - Don't trouble to
answer me, until you have nothing
better to do & with love in W. all
here unite to you & yours Believe me
Yours very affectionately
Wilson