

my warm loving thanks to Anna &  
Florence, I know they  
will accept this as an  
answer to their kind  
letter to  
me also to Eva &  
yourself from

My very affec-  
tionate  
sister  
Lillian

Miss Wilson  
121 St. George St  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

Dewson

I have been meaning  
to write to you, not so much  
to thank you all for your kind  
letters, because I know you wanted  
to write to me & would do much  
more if you could; but because  
I know you are such dear friends  
who are thinking of us - I have  
had so much writing to do & I  
am beginning only now to see the  
effect of the great shock we got,  
so very little tires me, & when I get

she is  
forever with  
seems -  
give

run down, I take cold at once, with  
out any apparent reason - For Papa's  
sake, I am taking great care of  
myself, or rather I should say our  
kind servants watch over us both  
like the dear friends they are -  
Even from them I never would have  
expected the tender considerate care  
they have shown - They feel as if they  
had lost a mother too, & it is so  
pleasant to me the way they talk  
about her - for we love to talk of  
mother & do you know I find myself  
looking for her coming - I do little  
realise that she is gone from us to  
return no more till we go to meet  
her -

I was so surprised on Sat. night

When a parcel was handed in by  
Mr. Howland to find it contained a  
very pretty tortoise shell card-case  
from Rankin - wasn't not kind of  
him - Mr. Howland met him at dinner  
just a week before Rankin was  
sailing, finding he came from  
Yoronto, Rankin asked him to take  
charge of a parcel for me, wasn't  
it very kind, very thoughtful - one  
values such thoughtful friendships  
at all times; but very specially  
in times of sorrow - I have written  
to him this morning both thanking  
him & telling him about Darling  
Mother - Will you send me his address  
on a post card & would you kindly add

the proper postage, as it is difficult to find out & you are sure to know -  
Will you tell Miss Lunn how much Papa & I valued her letter, it was the most helpful one we received, bringing a message from God to us -

All that kind friends could do, whether near or far has been done for us, God's loving kindness & tender mercies have been new every morning & I think we do thankfully realise them - I am quite sure many have been praying for us & we have received the answer -

I wish you could have seen how lovely Mother looked as she lay in that last calm sweet sleep for it only looked like that - there had been no illness to change her - all the last days from the bright June ones when Eva was with us are so happy to look back upon, not even the hours of illness to mar their memories & turn