P. O. Dept. Ottawa 29 December 1888

Dear May,

I sent you some time ago a packet of 5 of my books – one a present for yourself and four, the number which, if I am right in my memory, you wished to have. As I have not heard from you, and have no very sure confidence in the mails, I am getting anxious to know whether they reached you. Please let me know. If they have not, I will send another lot.

It is impossible yet to say what the success of my book will be. It will sell very slowly and scatteredly of course, but I imagine it will win its way in the end. Very little notice has been taken of it in the press.

I have heard from Annie and mother. They have nothing new to say, and appear to be in fairly good spirits. I hope that your Christmas day brought you every manner of reasonable blessing.

Yours ever sincerely

A. Lampman