

Letter
H. Primrose
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James Dawson Esq

Dear Sir

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5th Inst, with a donation of 20/- to our Missions School. It is cheering to us to find substantial sympathy thus manifested by friends, who although far away from us, give such tokens of their interest in the success of our humble efforts. The account given by you, of the Y.M.C. Agt at Montreal, is very interesting, and the view of their schemes for doing good is calculated to put our puny efforts rather in the shade, altho' it has also a stimulating effect, urging us to do what we can in our own sphere, when we see the noble efforts of those who,

are placed by the Providence of
God in the high places of the field.

It may not be uninteresting
to you to have a short sketch of
the progress of our Association
hitherto. I need not refer to the
organization, or the earlier stages
of our existence, as a society, as
you have no doubt read the
Reports which, if I mistake not,
you have received, issued by
the Committee for 1854-1858.

We have made some progress
this year, and it is becoming
more evident that, however
undeserving, we are gaining
the good wishes of many of
the most influential, as well
as of the most pious amongst
us. You are aware we have
a boat manned by members
of the Association, who go to

all the vessels in Port and dis-
tribute Tracts on Sabbath mornings
The number of pages thus distributed
last year was 15,000 and it will
be fully up to that number this
year. Our weekly prayer meetings
are continued without interrup-
-ion and are attended on an av-
-erage by about thirty three persons
of all denominations, except the
Catholics. Our Members ^{now} Number
~~54~~ We have had altogether 58
Members in the Association - of these
3 have with drawn and the others
have left the place. We have
a library of about 150 Vols of
works of History Travel Biography
&c. these we procure at the trade
prices from publishers in Boston
We are anxious to have this very
useful branch of our operations
more enlarged but we find it

difficult to manage our finances so as to leave, as a large balance as we would wish, to purchase books. Our usual monthly lectures are continued this winter and we have adopted the method of admitting by ticket which has worked well so far. As to the Missions School I cannot say much as it has not been long in existence. We found about 30 scholars attended the first Sabbath. Among these were some Roman Catholics. These continued to attend until the Priest heard of it and interfered and we have not one now, of that class. The attendance continues good, and certainly it is a fair test of the willingness of the children to avail themselves of the means of improvement when they

will assemble at 9 P.M. on these
frosty winter mornings some of
them not half clad and crying
with cold. We intend at once
to procure some old clothes for
these destitute ones. On Monday
day we gave them a substantial
dinner at our rooms in the
Academy and certainly it was
a pleasant time to many of us,
to witness the enjoyment of the
poor children and also to see
among the visitors some of our
leading men from one of whom
we received a donation of \$20.
for the school fund. We have
received a small stock of
Quarter Books - some Scripture
Cards + papers on application
to Am S.S. Union at Boston -
which we presume is a donation
as we applied for them as such

We have not funds to expend
in the purchase of such
school materials such as maps
&c which we would like to have.

The school meets at 9 o'clock on
Sabbath morning and is dis-
missed at 10½ o'clock. Many
of the children are ignorant of
the alphabet and it is a task
requiring some patience to teach
them. We have good men and
ladies also, who will no
doubt be faithful as teachers.

I have endeavored to
give you some idea of what
our aims are as an Association.

We have aimed high whether
we shall attain to any good
result remains with Him to
whom we look for strength to
enable us to gain the victory.

Wishing you all the
congratulations of the season I am

Respectfully Yours
Howard Pomeroy Secy. P. M. Assn.