

The Rectory  
Almonte, Ontario  
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Dear Mrs Window-Spragge,

It was very kind of you to hunt up for me the booklets of your uncle William Dawson. I gave quite a whoop of joy when I discovered them in your envelope. I have his book "The Bible Confronted by Science" and a very lovely letter from his widow attached inside the cover. It is one of those books which will not go to the second hand dealer when I die but will be definitely left to one of my children. It was such a comfort and encouragement to me in the 1930's. The booklets will be similarly cared for.... I have just stopped writing this letter, and have been reading ten pages of the booklet! Thank you so much again.

It was good to read of your happy Christmas with your happy families — what days and dinners! We too had such a happy time. Even Allan & his little family in the Peace River District seemed to jump into our midst when we opened a parcel from him & found real Indian moccasins for Orville & myself & three grandchildren who are walking — for we had Bill & his two girls & Donald & his boy & the lovely wives with us — such a happy get together.

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Ardie went back to the Sanatorium January 2nd. The doctors have at last made their decision to operate some time in February. So we must just wait. She is otherwise well & cheerful - very busy writing all kinds of notes, reading all kinds of books, making hats which might have come from Paris, and comforting & encouraging quite a number of the patients young & old who seem to find her common sense founded on quiet convinced faith in God a great help in their times of doubt or upset or frustration. It is strange how much can be going on ~~to~~ among the creatures of flesh & blood behind the brick walls of any institution - and it is thrilling to see how the hand of God can still order all things for those who look to him.

Geoffrey has settled in at the Ontario Forest Rangers School, Dorset after a visit with his uncle John Foy at Round Lake near Killaloe. I must stop & write to him & Allan.

We met all our commitments - I mean St Paul's Parish. I am so thankful - even though it meant a last minute rush to the Royal Trust Company in Ottawa with the cheques in my pocket to get it in before the books closed. Thank you for your help - & Ed's inspiration

Very sincerely

JMR Meakin