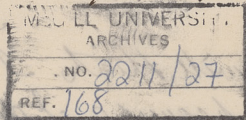


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New York Montreal June 9th 1870.

My dear Dr. Dawson



I had promised myself this pleasure before, but have been prevented by a very heavy mass of official and other calls. Permit me, even if a little late, to express my sincere hope that both you and Mrs. Dawson are benefiting by your trip. I am almost afraid, however, that with you, it is merely changing the scene of your labors, and feel the more warranted in this conclusion from some conversations I have had with your amiable representative and daughter. While I heartily congratulate you on the well-deserved honors bestowed on you ^{in England} I as earnestly hope you will just take a month's quiet recreation and ~~rest~~ ^{rest} before your return, so that we may meet you quite recruited and prepared for the work of which you will always find a sufficiency wherever you are. It surely needs not me, however, to point out to you the evils of overwork and neglect of rest and recreation - and yet I sometimes think you do too much. I know the normal school folks would like to have you here in July; but I hope you don't entertain any idea of returning in the ^{sooey} ~~sooey~~

heat - especially as I think it rather selfish
on their parts.

I hope neither you nor Mrs Sawton
will think I do not practice what I preach
because I designated you in my address
at the Annual Meeting of the Nat. Hist. Society
as our President for this year, I am sure
you do not find the duties very onerous
and I am also sure you would in any case
attend the meetings, and lecture for the
Society - so my conscience does not at all
upbraid me for assisting in the consummation
that all devoutly wished. Poor Hunter has
left us, and at a meeting of the Council
held a few days since I was requested to
inquire of you whether you would kindly
ascertain if there was any probability of
obtaining a proper person in England to fill
the offices of janitor and taxidermist,
and - as Mr Herrier only retains office
on condition that we afford him help - the
new incumbent should also be willing
to assist the Treasurer in his work.
I do not write you particulars as to salary
& emoluments, as they are known to you,
but I may add the feeling of the Council
is in favor of giving a little more to
a good man. I trust you may have
 leisure to send me a few lines on the subject
- meanwhile a temporary appointment
will be made. I sent you a couple of papers

containing a report of the Annual Meeting, and my words - I hope you received them.

About a month after your departure I received a copy of Gesenius Hebrew Grammar (Dr Davies last Edition), from the publishers, Messrs Acher & Co. I think, dear Doctor, I am indebted to you for this favor, and shall not be very wrong in sending you my thanks which I do. I have not yet written to acknowledge the receipt of the book, but may do so by this mail.

I have just received a visit from Mr Lunn, and from his statements learn that Mr Chauveau's educational appropriations this year are so shamefully partial and unfair that I could not help reminding Mr L. (he seemed to need some comfort) "Inem Deus vult perdere se hinc sine every other act of high handed tyranny oppression and injustice it will certainly, ultimately recoil on its perpetrators. Mr Chauveau is evidently mortified with the results of the new arrangement, so far as the proceeds of the Taxes in the city of Montreal are concerned. Last year as you are aware I took active measures for securing the Jewish taxes to the Protestant fund. This year Mr Desnoyers on behalf of the Catholic Commissioners has

directed Mr Black, to place Jewish property
(which is considerable) in the neutral panel
because it happened that in the heading which
Mr Mann supplied last year the words
"and until further notice" were omitted.
This is small, but Mr D. will "make
nothing by his motion", and the names secured "to the

I hope Mrs Dawson
was not alarmed at the first reports of
the Fenian invasion - "abomination" is the word,
or thought there was any probability
of the "Sun-burst" floating on the Cupola
of McGill College instead of the "accursed
Saxon rag" as they doggerelly term the
British flag. I would have guaranteed
that ship Dawson would have held the
fortress against them all; for more wretched
canaille, more cowardly poltroons never
yet assembled under the sun, or even Tanbur,
Halstaff's men of buckram were "heroes indeed"
compared with them. Much indignation
prevails here both against the English and
United States Governments - An influential
preliminary meeting has been held, and a
public one will soon be called. The Dominion
Government also think of sending a delegate
to England (perhaps Messrs Morris) - but I
am giving you news you will read in the papers
and I have only left myself room to send
Mrs Sedola's and my own kindest regards
to Mrs Dawson and yourself, and wishing
you a pleasant and safe return - truly
yours
A. Sedola

Should you have
already seen Cornish.