

London, Dec. 31/70

Dear Dr. Dawson,

Yours of Sept. 22 and the lecture were duly rec<sup>d</sup>. Tho' 'alas!' tardily acknowledged. The Lecture has deservedly attracted notice here, being reproduced in some quarters. It is well for Canada to have such an able leader in the field of science and general culture. I must wish you a happy new year and many returns of these rounds of periodic time. You will see from the sheets (now sent) that the new Hel. Lex. is advancing hopefully in the press, and most likely you will praise its beautiful getting up, whatever be said of the contents. It keeps me very hard at work, but I hope (by God's help) to finish it by next Sept.

We were pleased to see your son

and feel sorry we cannot see more  
of him. Mrs D. is not at all  
strong and is now away with our  
dear invalid child at Frome, who  
is very delicate, but as yet no worse  
for winter (cold enough for you) so far;  
yet the spring is to be dreaded on  
her account. We are all in the  
Lord's hands, and in Him is our trust  
in life and in death.

Our very kind regards to Mrs D.

Yours very sincerely

Benj. Davies

James  
July 17

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