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My dear G<sup>d</sup> Dawson

It has occurred to me, (as I don't say it has to yourself,) that the deep debt of gratitude, esteem and admiration we all owe to the memory of our dear departed friend Sir W. E. Logan, can only be expressed sufficiently and satisfactorily in the pages of a Biography; and I am sure there is no one alive better adapted to do such a work justice, or who more fully appreciates the great merits of the individual, than yourself. - If I, from my long and intimate acquaintance as a friend and follower of Sir William's, can in any way advise or assist you in getting up such a work, be assured of my heartiest co-operation, inasmuch as I could flatter myself that my literary attainments were at all equal to the subject, I might have attempted its accomplishment unaided; but as I have no pretensions in that way, and am at the same time well worn

of the elegance of your style, as well as your  
powers of description, I do hope sincerely that  
you will consent to become the author of "The  
History of a Really Great and Good Man".—

This matter may have been suggested to  
you before, and I have little doubt you may  
have thought of it yourself, but as I have  
never had a hint to that effect, I hope you  
will excuse my troubling you, and kindly  
let me know what to expect, and what  
you may probably require from me in  
pursuance of the purpose in view.

I am always, my dear Sir  
yours very truly

Alex<sup>r</sup> Murray

Principal Dawson - F. R. S.

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