

My dear Canon Bullen

I was deeply grieved
to learn this morning from Mr. Bullen
that you had found occasion to complain
at the Bible Society meeting of the
presence of a lady in the Deputy school
who should not have been there. I beg
to say that I shall take the earliest
opportunity to enquire as to the facts
and if the lady in question was part
of the staff of the S.S. School to remove
it immediately. If such a thing has
occurred in connection with the work
I am assured you that it must
have been altogether an in-
advertence.

Sincerely yours
G.W.D.

Regret very much to learn from Mr. H. M. Smith
that there is likely to be some dispute
between Mr. P. & you in reference to shares
of Butler in paper, and that this
may raise the question of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~company~~
incorporated by you (Mr. P. ^{Smith}) on this subject.
I had a paper to send you with
a letter a copy of Mr. H. M. Smith's report
to Proutie in occasion of this refusal
to pay for the property on the eve of
his departure for England in 1873.
I am of course liable to be
in this, and as I have already
stated to you would most prefer
to pay for any claim you may
think a right to make than
be exposed to an attack from
Proutie ~~about~~ perhaps with
a claim for costs as well.

As my wife is in the matter
has taken in the interest of all
the creditors and in my recent
circumstances I trust that you
will give me an opportunity to
settle ~~the matter~~ with you
before making any demand
with Proutie, ~~except~~ ⁱⁿ any ~~case~~

C. F. M. S. S.
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