

March 27. 1886

89 Gloucester St.:

P. Square -

My dear Principal

I thank you heartily for asking me, a far away friend, to join your commemoration Banquet next month -

It was a most pleasant sight - that formal card of invitation -

I congratulate both you and your large party, of all sorts of aims and opinions, on this friendly conference - with quiet satisfaction on the one side, and gratitude on the other -

and this, after 25 years of eminent services Christian and Scholastic. -

Most of the educated men at present in Montreal must have passed under your hands

hands to their great advantage —
Almighty God bestows a vast blessing upon
a large town when he sends to it a genial
youth-loving Teacher highly gifted, strong
in health and will, practical and a man
of order.. This has been done for Montreal

I feel sure that this re-union will be of
service to the University — It will set the
Canadians counting up their advantages,
one by one - flowing from it — To you, it
will be a warm and sincere ~~of~~ acknow-
ledgment of high obligations — simply —
Anyhow, to me, it is an event I am glad to
live to witness —

Please to remember in the warmest terms to
Mrs Dawson and your ^{dear} family - You will
not, cannot, say too much.

I am my dear friend

Yours very sincerely
J. J. Bigsby

Messrs Fontaine & White's Permian of West
Virginia is a capital performance -
Six weeks or more ago they kindly sent
me their 40 beautiful plates of Carb + Perm
vegetation - and their proof sheets of text

I am in the thick of a Thesaur. Permian
having turned aside for a time from my
Commentary Carbonif. -

But I work, expecting a summary above almost
daily - and know the consequences.

Do you get regularly the abstracts of
what is done at the ordinary Wednesday
meetings of the Geological Society, London. If not,
I will try to get them to you -

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