



6th Jan. 1882

My Dear Dr Dawson

You are quite right in
your suggestion of the
Cardinal's name. It occurred
to myself in the train on
my way back to Toronto.

He is author of various
papers in the Transactions
of the Royal Astronomical
Society, & elsewhere; and
will be a creditable
member of the Scientific
Section.

As to the Section of
English Literature, I have

decided to write to the
Marquis as soon as he
returns declining to be
placed on it, either as
Chairman or member.

I do not see why I
should march through
County at the head of
a troop, not one of whom
would, in England be
thought otherwise than
ridiculous, in such a
body. Of course, except
the Goldwin Smith. But
he has ruled himself out
of the awkward Squad.

I shall suggest to the
Marquis to retain the
French Literary Class, as
the Quebec Gentlemen seem
so highly pleased with
it; but otherwise to
limit it at present to
Science, where it will be
respectable.

You have got winter
at last, I presume. The
snow begun as I
approached Cornwall;
and matters are now
more seasonable.

Kindest greetings to all
faithfully Yours
Dan. Wilson

Adm

July/82

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