



Royal Canadian Academy of Arts.

J. W. Dawson Esq

Gallery of the Art Association,

MONTREAL, March, 1882.

DEAR SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that you have been nominated by the President of the ROYAL CANADIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS as one of its Honorary members.

The constitution provides that there shall be a class of Honorary members—"men who take an interest in art and in the industrial progress of the country," and who may be desirous of forwarding the objects for which the Academy was founded. These objects are—

First—The Institution of a National Gallery at the Seat of Government.

Second—The holding of Exhibitions in the principal cities of the Dominion.

Third—The establishment of Schools of Art and Design.

In his speech at the opening meeting of the Academy in Ottawa, in March, 1879, His Excellency the Governor-General expressed his expectation that almost every gentleman of note in the Dominion would be enrolled as an Honorary member of the Academy, "and give his aid, as entertaining a love for art, and a desire that art should be enabled to assist in the most practical manner the interests of the country." His Excellency desired that the amount of annual subscription of Honorary members should be left to themselves, as an expression of their interest in the Academy and its objects. He himself headed the list with an annual subscription of \$500, and a large number of gentlemen have been enrolled who subscribe various sums, ranging from \$50 to the minimum amount of \$1 per annum. The names of Honorary members and their subscriptions appear in the list of members attached to the Catalogue of the Exhibition and Annual Report.

Should you accept of this nomination, the remittance of the amount of your annual subscription will be acknowledged by a card of membership, which will also admit you and the members of your family to the annual assembly and private view of the Exhibition, on Tuesday Evening, April 11th, at the rooms of the Art Association of Montreal, when His Excellency the Governor-General will be present and preside.

I have the honour to be, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

M. MATTHEWS,

Secretary.

Until March 30th, please address

14 King Street West,

TORONTO.

Widely

My dear Sir

Before replying to the
letter, may I ask if it is in-
tended as an invitation to members
of the local Art Association that
they must pay an extra dues
payments to the Academy, in order
to have access to the exhibition
in April.

Yours truly
J. Dawson

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