

Heilide,  
Chateaugay Basin,  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1883.

Dr Dawson,

Dear Sir,

I saw late in autumn a notice of lectures in the Peter Redpath Museum, but could not ascertain if they were open to the public, or what admission fee. They were said to be on a Wednesday, and some of my family would like to attend when in town. I have three little boys who are anxious to see the Museum, and I have promised to take them in when navigation opens. Can I do so by application? One boy is trying to study Geology, and then Entomology, and a third has been fired to study Conchology by finding some shells eight or ten feet in the ground. He cleaned some of

them and sent them to Boston by  
my eldest-son, who has spent the  
winter there and Professor Hyatt  
is so interested in them, that he  
wishes a bushel of the deposit sent  
on in Spring. Is there any one in  
Montreal who makes this branch  
a specialty, and would help a novice  
for it is up hill work alone. Nor does  
there seem a book suitable for beginners.

My eldest son is for the winter  
the guest of Mrs Edna D Cheney to whom  
I introduced you at the Ottawa Station.  
She lost her only child, a beautiful girl, a  
fortnight after her return from the  
Science meetings. Typhoid fever that  
was contracted in our city I fear.

Being utterly alone she asked John  
to spend the winter with her, and it  
has been of great advantage to him,  
writing lately, he wished me to mention  
to you that at the time of the August  
meetings he ~~suggested~~<sup>suggested</sup> ~~me~~ to the

by Entomologists, that it would be a  
good thing, to make a donation  
from their collections, to the new  
Redpath Museum. offering to do his  
share. He asks if it has been carried out,  
and would like to help if the offer is  
made and accepted.

I often feel it a great drawback that I  
live so isolated, it is very bad for the  
young people, who wish to improve,  
and I do not seem to get any better  
acquainted with the City and its  
advantages than ten years ago. And yet  
in Boston I have been chosen member  
of a Science Club, and when I go there  
find plenty to learn, and see.

Let Canada be my adopted, and my children's  
native country, and I wish to give and  
receive from it more than at present.

With kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,  
Annie L. Jack,

Mr Lach  
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