

J WD to Fenner

4 Oct 83

1
Stonely,
Nuch Ferry,
Oct 4, 1883

My dear Mr Fenner,

For your information
and that of your colleagues
on the Board ^{& Corporation} I beg to write
a few lines as to what I
have been doing since my ar-
rival in England.

The Meeting of the
British Association at Southport
passed off well. Sir C. Ruppel
and I had the honour
of representing Canada at
the General Committee, and
of proposing the formal
vote to meet in Montreal
on the 27th August 1883,
which was carried un-

unanimous and with much
Cordiality, Sir Charles making
a very happy speech on the
occasion, and the greater
part of the members being
apparently quite enthusiastic
on the subject and very desirous
to come to Canada. The
share of the University in the
matter will consist in
raising its grounds and
buildings in the best possible
order for the reception of
the visitors, and I shall
hope to be out in time next
spring to help in this.
~~I would suggest, among other
things, that if possible the
gates and front fence on
Sherbrooke Street should be
repaired in honour of the~~

oceanic, and if possible the
 fence should be diminished
 in height. It is very unlike
 anything to be seen here
 in a similar position.

After the meeting of
 the Association, I attended,
 by invitation, the meeting of
 the and conversance of
 the Chester Society of Natural
 History, one of the best
 local societies in England,
 and also the opening
 of Queens College Man-
 chester, which is now the
 Centre of the New Victoria
 University. Queens College
 has much in common
 with The firs. It is a
 creation of the citizens
 of Manchester, and, under
 A Greenwood its Principal,

and some of the ablest men
 in this country as Professors,
 has developed itself with
 great rapidity. It has a
 flourishing Medical School
 and School of Applied
 Science, on nearly the
 same principles with our
 own. At the recent meeting
 a magnificent suite of
 new laboratories for its
 Medical Faculty was
 opened publicly, and I can
 assure you the number
 and equipment of the
 rooms and the variety
 of costly apparatus furnished
 would make our Medical
 Professors envious could they
 see them. We have however
 made a good beginning in

the same direction, and
 I hope the new Donald
 Smith endowment and
 Campbell Memorial fund
 may enable something further
 to be done. Queen's College
 has also recently affiliated
 the Manchester Ladies College,
 and proposes to admit its
 students to all the University
 examinations. It will solve
 the difficulty of co-education
 by having the junior classes
 entirely separate from those
 for young men, but admit-
 ting the ladies, after
 they have passed the
 preliminary University exam-
 inations, to the senior
 and honor classes. Prince
 Apal Greenwood is to

give me copies of the
 reports and regulations bearing
 on these points, which I
 hope may be useful to us,
 and next week I hope
 to see the details of the
 teaching carried on in
 the College. In the
 following week I ~~hope~~
 expect to see something
 of some schools at Leeds
 and Bradford, and to
 visit the well known
 Ladies College of Chelten-
 ham, which is one of the
 most important in this
 country, and has
 sent up successful candi-
 dates for the B.A. of the
 London University.

From Chatterburn we
 go to spend a short time
 with Mr & Mrs Redpath at
 Chelhurst, and while there
 I propose to run over to
 Cambridge and visit
 the Ladies' Colleges.

In regard to all
 these institutions and
 others which I hope to
 see, I have the kindest
 offers of hospitality and
 assistance from the many
 Exeter friends I met
 at Southport.

Before leaving England,
 which will probably be toward
 the end of November, I
 shall hope to inform you
 of what we have done
 in London and the

South of England,

Further that the season
has commenced, and is going
on prosperously, and with all
kind regards and good
wishes to friends in Montreal

I remain

Yours sincerely,

J. M. Dawson