

IVY LODGE  
TRINITY, EDINBURGH

8 Oct. 1883.

My dear Dr. Dawson,

It is really too bad  
to bother you whilst on  
holiday, but as I think  
you can render some  
service I cannot resist  
the temptation to inflict  
a little business on you.

You know I believe the  
late Mr. Edward McKay  
of Meldonan Hall, Montreal?

In his will your College  
was deservedly remembered,  
and it is in one of his

handsome legacies that I  
 am concerned. He left  
 an odd \$5000 to the discretion  
 of his Executors to divide in  
 the spirit of his settlement.  
 We think we have a claim  
 on this worthy Sutherland,  
 and think his Executors  
 might give a very small  
 slice to the educational objects  
 of the Sutherland Association.  
 I am this year Vice-President  
 of the Assoc. & at my  
 instance the Secretary  
 wrote Mr. Hugh McKay Esq.  
 to be remembered (enclosed  
 is copy of the letter which  
 kindly return), but Mr. McKay

hesitates & thinks the money must be divided in the locality. I don't think you Canadian sympathies would be greater than your generosity to keep us to say a £50 or £100 if you can! As far as I know there is nothing to prohibit the Executors helping us if they chose. The assistance I venture to ask from you is, to give me (if you approve) such a note to myself ~~which~~ <sup>as</sup> I could forward to W. McKay, or a letter addressed to W. McKay which I could enclose, with a second petition: You might



say you are acquainted with  
one of the Officers Bearer  
of the Sutherland Assoc. &  
have been assured that the  
money would be put to  
good use & only for the  
educational objects of the  
Assoc. & exclusively towards  
the Bursary Fund if so  
desired. The County of  
Sutherland is a very  
peculiar one, very few  
wealthy men in it, ~~but~~  
excepting the Duke, & very  
few well-to-do Sutherlanders  
out of it, from whom we  
can get help, since we do  
some good work annually  
as our reports testify.)

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You will perhaps wonder what connection I have with Sutherland. I am a very small Proprietor of a bit of Moorland of 73 acres. There are a few more similar holdings, and almost all the rest belongs to the great Duke who owns 1,250,000 acres in this Country, & is the largest British Land owner, & has acquired about as much in America.

The other claim is through Ella, who is the grand Daughter of a Sutherland. Mr. Reel's Mother & her brother Colonel Mathewson were natives of that Country.

You will doubtless have heard of the demonstration we are to have here soon to celebrate the Jubilee of our

Geological Society. The Duke  
of Argyll is to deliver an  
address at a grand Convergence.

I do trust you will have  
a fine time of it in  
Palestine. No excursion in  
the world can excel that  
in interest + association.

Your kind reply - as  
briefly as you please, at  
your convenience will much  
oblige. Yours faithfully

D. William Kemp.



I think the late Mr. Ed.  
McKay + his brother were  
in the habit of calling on  
Mr. Bee when visiting the  
old Country. D.W.K.

