

Montreal Dec. 26. 1883
Dear Dr. Dawson. I have yr note
from Paris yr later one from Lyons.
Our affairs here move slowly or rather
not at all. Mr. White awaits the reports
of the Excursion-Committee who wait
in the railroads. Two months ago a
meeting of the Committee, the only one,
was held & a sub-committee of ten on
reorganization was named. This did
not meet until Dec. 19. when I was
out of town. Then named a local So-
cieté of 25. or 30. with many mis-
sions, putting them on at the same time

myself. (superfluous as I am Vice Pres)
and many Mem. who are members of
our Social Committee. & making serious
omissions. in leaving out the C. P. R. R.
& Andrew Allen, while two G. T. R.
people were put in. I have spoken
of this and a supplementary list will
be sent. Of this Social Free Com.
Mr. T. M. Cramp is Chairman. So far
as I understand however this Com.
has nothing to do with our Social
Organization Com. & the Citizen's
Com., with Mr. White at its head,
still stands. We must therefore
create, as we did in 1882, an Exec

ature Citizen's Committee, which seems
an indispensable body. Who chosen
out of the best best of the original
Committee & to represent the various
sub-committees. I cannot find that
any one is doing anything save the
Excursion Committee. The financial
depression is very great & few are
disposed to act in any way. I hope
however after the New Year. Things
may revive & something be done.
Politics are deemed very discom-
ing into play & many object to Mr
White as Chairman on account of his
partisanship. but we must keep in

the government. It was said that Cramp,
being a liberal, would be satisfactory to
those who object to White. but the new Com-
mittee of which Cramp is the head has no
power, so far as I can understand, it
does not take the place of the Citizens
Committee in any way. I confess to
many forebodings as to the success of
our organization and have nearly made
up my mind to withdraw from all
part in it and quit Montreal during
the meeting.

Our volumes now all printed
save the Table of Contents, which
I have asked Mr. Bende to prepare.

Trust

It will make our 700 Mr. Shea very creditable volume, on the whole, despite many typographical errors. For Mr. Beade is not a good proof-reader.

Mr. Selwyn proposes to prepare a geological map & sketch of Canada & ask our Committee to pay for it. Of course we have no funds to spare for such a work. Besides, I do not care to have such a tissue of absurdities as he would probably embody in his work. It would only impose upon you & me the painful necessity of telling the Scientific Public that the whole was incorrect and misleading. By the

I am just now preparing for the Feol
Soc. a paper in reply to Deane on
the Taconic System, in which the
poor man has fallen into errors &
misconceptions which it is my pain-
ful duty to deplore, & which are almost
incredible. I have for many years
known his incapacity to take many
complex stratipolitical problems
but the present case is surprising. &
I must in justice alike to myself &
the Feol. Soc. state the truth,
though I shall do it with mildness
& with pity.

I am glad you have seen so many

friends in Paris or Lyons & trust that
yr stay in Naples will be an agreeable
one. With best regards to Mrs. Daw-
son & Mr. Dawson & the Compli-
ments of the season. I remain
Dear Dr Dawson.

Very faithfully yours
J. Stuyvesant

Dr. J. W. Dawson & L.

