

27 Eastbourne Terrace
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My dear Mr Ferrier,

I write you now
from Lyons, and am
not sorry to do so, after
our long tour of four
months, which, though free
of pleasure and instruction,
was not without its trials
and expenses. On our
way hither from Venice,
I spent a few hours at
Bonn, and visited the
warehouse of Dr Kraus,
known all over the world
as the largest dealer in
geological specimens. I found
there a number of things

needed to fill gaps in the
 Museum, and at much
 cheaper rates than at
 London, and so invested
 a few pounds in such de-
 siderata. At Brussels I
 visited the fine collections
 of bones and implements
 from the Belgian caves, which
 are remarkably instructive,
 in some respects quite as
 much so as those at
 Paris and Lyons; and
 I have some hope that
 J. May, through Prof. Dupont
 the director, secure a collection
 for our Museum.

I have written to
 Dr Warrington on the subject

of securing four additional
table-cases for the Museum,
 & match these I put on
 one side last year. The
 four I had made cost
 \$240, but I hope Roberts
 may make a second set
 lower, as I fancy he had
 a fair profit on the first.
 I can arrange that these
 cases will be paid for
 without cost to the college,
 and they will enable
 me to arrange the whole
 collections on that side
 better, and to make
 room for the new things
 I am bringing out. I
 have asked A. H. to
 procure an estimate &
 show it to you, and

If possible to have the cases ready for my return in the latter part of June.

I rejoice that you have secured Penhollows for another year. He writes me about improving a Botanic garden, which I hope he will succeed with; but have said to him that it will be well to secure the salary of the chair first, and in the mean time to plant out what he can get as I have been doing. In planning a garden, yard will have to be had to the space needed for a building to match the Peter Redpath Museum, and also to the

other uses of the grounds, I have promised to Prof P. & attend to these points and to discuss them with the Governors on my return.

I hear rumours of a new building, and sincerely hope they may be correct, and that thus one of the hopes I have expressed to you may be realized.

Mr Boyce writes to me of intended improvements in the Manual School, which certainly deserve consideration, and I hope may be secured in some degree for next session. I shall be happy when I return to do what I can toward these matters, and to support Prof. Rotins in his arduous and I am sure most successful work. Poor Frank Wright I hear has gone. I had hoped that a change of climate might have prolonged his life, and certainly could have been sacrificed had he continued in Montreal. Mr Boyce suggests that a little extension of his salary should be granted as well to aid Principal Cooks in paying the expenses that will fall on them. This I should

think a proper thing.

It is pleasant to receive the Report of the University and to see so much evidence of progress. I am glad also that the New French General has given us his countenance and that his reception at the College was so successful.

It seems strange to me to be absent at this season, when the Session is approaching its close and so much remains to be done. I have no doubt however that all will go well; and when I think of all I have myself learned, and of what has been done in my absence, I feel persuaded that my temporary removal from work will be in many ways beneficial both to the University and to myself. I feel that I cannot be too thankful for the blessing that has attended us thus far.

About the fence, I do not think it necessary that I should trouble you with a plan. Mr. Lead can I think do that very well. My idea is that a lower and lighter style of fence, permitting the building to

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We will see from Chamberke of, must be a great
improvement. The present high picket fence movements
the building and ground from being well seen, and has
a pair of like objects. There is low picket fence like that
around the English collection would be better, perhaps
something might be done there while high would be
by the camp but I should the new; but this I am sure
the city.

From 3 remain in smoke the the
meeting at Edin's Apartments, when I shall be with,
betwixt & dinner after the evening is over and
attending & leave for home as early in June
possible.

With kind & loving regards & all friendly
believe me

Yours truly
M. Dawson