

27 Southwark Terrace

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My dear Mr. Sewer,

The date of this letter reminds me that less than six weeks remain until the time of my departure for Canada, to which I hope I shall return with new vigor and capacity for usefulness. God has greatly blessed us with prosperity and protection in our travels, and I trust to His goodness to bring us home again once more. The next few weeks are however so crowded with engagements and finishing up matters with which I have been occupied, that I may have little time

To write, unless something im-  
portant occurs.

In my last I mentioned  
my views on the Chancellorship  
and trust that this important  
matter, when it comes for settle-  
ment, will be guided in such  
a manner as to conduce to the  
highest good of the University. I  
also mentioned my intention to  
visit Oxford on occasion of the  
vote on admitting women to the  
examinations. I was well repaid  
for the visit. The scene was  
a most interesting one, nearly  
800 graduates having come  
from all parts of the  
Kingdom to vote, an evidence  
of the great interest which the  
matter excites, and the  
Laches carried the day by  
a majority of 143. At the



same time Louis D. Chelaud, Recto-  
r, Hotel & other friends,  
and the Lady Principal of  
the Smeville Hall, so that I  
learned pretty fully what is  
being done at Oxford. The  
plan there is to have small  
halls for lodging the students, special  
lectures & classes provided by an  
Association of Ladies, and admiss-  
ion of ladies to a few of the professorial  
lectures along with the other students,  
but accompanied by a chaperone.  
It is a mixed & somewhat  
complicated system, but is said  
to work well, and it is anticipated  
that the admission of ladies to  
the regular examinations under  
the new regulations will give it  
a great impulse. I have on  
a few more points now to  
inquire into respecting ladies'  
education here, and shall  
hope to be ready to prepare a  
report soon after my return

Have received by last  
mail the report of the  
Committee on the Geological  
Survey. It seems very unfair  
and partial, or if not so very  
ill-informed. Regret very much  
that such a report should  
have been produced, and feel  
that it cannot fail to injure  
the Survey and also the  
reputation of Canada. I trust  
however the Government will  
be prepared in the first instance  
to treat the members in this matter  
as they deserve, and then to  
inquire as to any amendments  
in the work that can be  
made. No doubt improvements  
might be made, but they depend  
on the Government itself more than  
the Director, and should be suggested  
by proper motives and not by personal  
spite and ambition.

With all kind regards, in  
believe me  
Yours truly  
J. Dawson