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Sir William Dawson LL.D.
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Dear Sir

Permit me

from this far off part of the
globe heartily to congratulate
you as a Countryman - a native
of the same County in Nova Scotia -
on the well merited honours
which it has pleased our Queen
to bestow on you.

I am glad that the honours

has come before advanced years
have weakened the mental
vigor with which you have been
largely blessed. Honors often come
on men when they are of no
value, as their day of work is
over. Unless they increase our in-
fluence in the service of God they
are of little value at any time.

So far as I know you are the first
Nova Scotian on whom this honour
has been bestowed as a recognition
of high scientific attainments. My
first personal acquaintance with
you was when you were Superintendent
of Education in Nova Scotia and I
a teacher of a public school in Halifax
one of my pupils then - I as C. W. White
is now Mayor of Halifax. I
remember you well. Some of

my school fellow from risen to dis-
tinction. The Hon Sec to Dr. Macleod was
Chief Justice of Victoria was in the
same Latin Class with me; and
Dr. Macleod was in the same
Greek Class - in the ^{Trangar} School New Glasgow.

Some years ago I published a
work on mental science - a subject
in the investigation of which my
spirit soared at ease, as a bird
on easy wing - a copy of which I
sent. I took the liberty of extract-
ing in a single line of your Commenda-
tion in some published notices of
the work. I enclose by same
that you may see that others commended
the work and so saved your name
from any reproach. It has been
adopted in the Methodist College
of North Australia and the Wesleyan
College of Queensland as a text
book in mental and moral science.

Such years of toil as an
Editor of a weekly religious paper
have not left me much leisure
for study - but I have published
the "True Church" a work in
reputation of Romanism - and
of Judaism and the other in
reputation of infidelity in both
its scientific and moral

aspects. In the preparation of
this last I was much aided
by your work on the "Origin of the
World" when I may publish the
last two, if ever I know not.

This with the pastoral charge of
the Wesleyan Church in Sydney
for nearly 13 years and also the
work of a professor in theology
as mental science by the appointment
of Mrs. Lynd - has been your
work in this Southern Hemisphere
- by adopted Country.

I frequently see the Montreal
Witness and read with pleasure
your high toned religious and
political opinions. It was a
merciful providence that placed
you where you are and I hope
that it may please not to
spare you long to serve ^{the} cause
in a place where men of
courage and of stern rectitude
are so much needed. It is also
because your recent honour
will give additional weight
for good to your Country & your
ventured sentiments - that I
rejoice in it. My sincere regards
to your Mother and