



# Borough of Birmingham

Mayor's Parlour,

The Council House.

August 12 1886

Dear Sir William.

We have now made arrangements for the public opening of our Local Exhibition at Bingley Hall, which is to take place on Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, at 1.0'clock.

I have been asked by the Committee to undertake the duty of declaring the Exhibition open, and the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Lawley Parker proposes to give a Luncheon in the building after the Exhibition has been

thus formally opened.

I now write to express the hope that you will be able to attend on the occasion, and Mr. Parker desires me to add that he hopes you will be his guest at the Luncheon. It is very desirable that we should make the occasion one of some importance, and as it is closely connected with the Association Meeting we should all be very sorry if you were absent.

I had the pleasure, yesterday, of seeing Mr. Inoat, at whose house, as I understand, you will be staying at the time, and he has promised to be present at the ceremony and Luncheon. He has also kindly invited me to visit him on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst, when I trust that I shall have the opportunity of some conversation with you as to the opening of the Exhibition and other matters.

We should all be glad

if Lady Dawson and Miss Dawson  
can attend on the occasion,  
and although, through want  
of space, no ladies are invited  
to the Luncheon I have no  
doubt we can make some  
arrangements for their accommodation  
which may be satisfactory, but  
these matters can easily be  
settled when we meet at  
Bewdley.

Believe me.

Yours very truly

Thos. Martineau

clergy.

Sir William Dawson M.A. B.C. D. &c.  
Canadian Agency.

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