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My dear Sir William,

I was delighted to receive the other day the pretty little volume containing your Address, with the words of Christmas greeting on the cover. You may be sure I shall always value the book. Pray accept my best thanks.

for it. We have also to
thank Lady Miss Dawson
very much for their kind
& seasonable remembrance
of us for the beautiful
Cards they have sent us. We
are very glad to think that
amidst all the Engagements
of your home life, you have
still borne your Berin^m
visit in memory.

We had our final meeting
of the large Local Committee
for the Association the
other day, & brought everything

to a satisfactory conclusion.
You will be glad to hear
that the Exhibition was so
profitable that it paid all
its own expenses, & all
those of the Reception of
the Association, so that we
had not to call on our
guarantors for a sixpence.
In addition to all this
there was a surplus of
£1300. I have desired my
secretary to send you a
print of our final Report
which I think you may

like to look through.

The New Year has begun here with extreme severity of weather. We have had deep snow, snow a very hard frost. The gardens look exquisite in their winter dress, but for the sake of the poor people I hope it will not last long.

We all unite in hearty good wishes for the many future years.

Believe me

Faithfully yours

Mr. Martineau

Lieut. Dawson