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My Dear Sir William

I only learned yesterday from Mr Martland of the serious accident you met with at Ilfracombe. To-day your kind letter of the 14th has reached me; in which I see no reference to illness. Nevertheless it must have undone much of the good of your long vacation holiday.

Here we are now settled in our new home. Could not you and Lady Dawson pay us a visit before you launch into the winter's work; and enjoy thorough leisure for as many days as you can spare; while you and I will find abundant matter for pleasant

talk together. Do take Lady
Dawson into Council with
you; and give this proposition
a favourable consideration.
To Sybil a visit from Lady
Dawson will be a rare pleasure
indeed. I shall await your
answer in hope & expectation.

Give yourself no concern
about the articles in the
"Week". The paper lives only
on the memory of its editorial
existence under Goldwin Smith,
- who has nothing to do with
it now. It carries no weight;
and I have never heard a
single person refer to the
letter about McGill. I mentioned
the subject to Ramsay Weyl
who was with me in the White
Mountains; and found that he
had neither read them nor heard

of them. In Montreal of course they would find some readers from local interests.

I fully appreciate what you tell me about the part you kindly took in suggesting my name at an early date for Imperial honours. The truth is, Sir John A. Macdonald regards me as a "Brit," though I have never meddled in any political matters outside of educational questions. But then I have made my stand for national education as opposed to denominational or sectarian; and in this I have been in strong opposition to his policy. He would never approve of presenting my name for Imperial honours. It helps to show how little they are to be valued by a literary or scientific man. The fact is that

ordinary constitutional procedure
was departed from in submitting
my name to the Queen; and
my final action in accepting
was mainly due to a private
appeal to me to relieve those
who had been active on
my behalf from embarras-
sment. But, please, let
this go no further. I may
add, however, that I was
discussed at the papers
crediting me with a demo-
-cratic contempt for Imperial
honour, which I utterly repudiate.

Sybil sends loving greetings
to Lady Dawson; and unites
with me in all kind
wishes for your perfect
recovery; adding her heartiest
seconding to the invitation to
visit us now.

faithfully Yours
Daniel Wilson