

From

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NOTTINGHAM.

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Sir J.W.Dawson,  
Mc Gill University,  
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir:-

I intend some time next year, all being well, to issue a small volume on Welsh Orientalists. Among them of course I shall include the late Rev. B.Davies L.L.D., who was once professor at the Mc Gill University, Montreal, and afterwards professor in the Baptist College, London. I have recently met one of the old students of Dr.Davies, in those days he was likewise an old student of yours; he has been able to give me some little, but not much information as to Dr.Davies, but he told me to write to you and assured me that you would be glad to render me any aid you could in this matter.

I knew him personally to some extent in this country, and after his death I became a student of the College where for so many years he was a distinguished professor; I shall be extremely thankful to you, if you will send me at your earliest convenience information with regard to his coming to Montreal and his leaving. Under what circumstances was he elected? How did you first hear of him? How was he liked as a teacher? Did he instruct in any other departments than Latin and Greek? I understand that Hebrew and other subjects were taken at the same time by Rabbi A.Dett Sola; he however had a very high opinion of the oriental scholarship of Dr.Davies. I am myself, like Dr.Davies, a student of oriental languages, though of course I am yet comparatively young and have much of my work to do.

I am a life member of the British Association, with which you have been so long and so honorably connected; I feel therefore there is a link which binds you and me together, besides this there is another link - that of common loyalty to Jesus Christ, and many Christians rejoice as I do to know that a man so eminent in science as you are, a man who occupied with distinguished credit the position of President of the British Association should be likewise an ardent believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and a fearless defender of the truth as it is in Jesus.

I shall be very glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience and whatever you can say of a biographical, personal

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or professional character, with regard to our late dear friend  
Dr. Davies will be thankfully received.

Believe me to be, my dear Sir,

Most cordially yours,

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Most cordially yours,

Dr. Davies  
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