



COMMITTEE ON

Young People's
Societies

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, M.A., Convener

ST. PAUL'S MANSE,

BOWMANVILLE, ONT.

16th September 1897/89

Sir William Dawson

M O N T R E A L.

My dear Sir William

Our Committee on Young People's Societies propose as their monthly topic for April 1898 "John Geddie our first missionary". As you may have observed in the Record for this year, we provide articles on the topics calculated to assist the young people in preparation for their meetings. The Committee would esteem it a very great favor if you would prepare us an article on Dr Geddie for the Record for March 1898. Your intimate personal knowledge of Dr Geddie and of the very first beginnings of the Foreign Missionary work of our church would give very especial interest to an article on this subject from your pen. I trust that it will not be out of your power to accede to our request.

There was very general regret at your absence from the meeting of the British Association in Toronto, and you will allow me to say how profoundly your letter, which was read at the Sunday afternoon devotional meeting, impressed those present. I have never lost sight of a remark which you made once in your own study to me, when, as a student, I was consulting you in regard to matter for a thesis, when you said that you had more pity than blame for the scientist who was not also a believer in religion and a Christian, for the unbeliever was the product usually rather of ignorance than of anything



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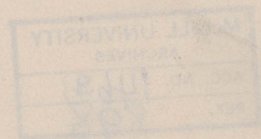
more serious. It would seem as if the scientists were beginning to look into the claims of revelation more carefully and patiently, as the whole tone of science towards religion is certainly vastly improved, even within my short recollection.

I shall hope to hear from you as early as convenient in regard to Dr Geddie.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

R. Douglas Fraser



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Sept 1917

Raymond D. Patterson

Henry R. Kelsey

Paul

Yours sincerely,

[Faint signature of R. Douglas Fraser]

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