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Dear Dr. Dawson,

I write to thank you for your kind thoughtfulness in getting me proposed as a fellow of the geol. Soc., and also for what you are pleased to term a "substitute for a Christmas gift." It is however, scarcely fair that you should have the trouble of getting me "put through" and have to pay for my honours as well. I suppose I shall get the notice of election some time this month.

As to the Chemical Society, thank you for your offer. I do not think

impossible to get the
abatement. I am going to
town to day on purpose
to see him again and
hope to make some satis-
factory arrangement.

Col. Grant must be an in-
defatigable collector. He has
recently sent another box
containing some capital fossils
from the vicinity of Hamilton.

British Association matters
here have certainly moved
slowly. You will remember
that some time ago Watt
moved for a reorganisation
of committees. This he brought
up at the last meeting and
the result was the appoint-
ment of a committee of 9
to consider the question of
re-organisation, J. White being convenor

however, that it is worth while
doing anything about it at
present. Too many letters
after ones name are trouble-
some and would certainly
swamp me.

The information with regard
to your movements in England
I communicated to the Editors
of University Gazette, who were
very glad to get it, and it
will no doubt appear in
the Dec. number. The abstract
of your Southport paper was
also sent to Donald, who, in
so far as the Naturalist is
concerned, is for the present
"stuck in the mud." Dawson
Bros, it appears, refuse to
allow the Society to make use
of the title "Canadian Naturalist"
in any shape or form, and

the Society in their turn are unwilling to give it up. Negotiations with regard to it are now going on, and it is to be hoped that some agreement will soon be arrived at.

Your box of fossils from the west still lies at the Express Office, although I have been down a number of times to see about it. Irish wrote to the Express agent at Calgary who says that he received the most definite instructions to send the box by express. Irish now says that if we will pay him the full amount of charges he will afterwards do what he can to secure an abatement. Of course he would tell us afterwards that it is not

For some reason or other
White has never seen fit
to get this Committee together
and for nearly a fortnight
past he has been off in
the country attending to
election matters. Of course
in the mean time it has
been impossible for anyone
to take any action. There
seems to be a good deal
of dissatisfaction with regard
to White, and I have little
doubt that one of the
results of ~~this~~ the "reorganization"
will be that some one else
will be appointed in his stead
as Chairman of the Loc. Com.
In any case some energetic
action must be taken soon.

Personally it is impossible for me to do very much during the session, as I have 16 lectures a week besides laboratory classes and rarely get to bed before 1 A. M.

With regard to my acting as a Vice-President of the Chemical Section next summer I scarcely know what to say; but am afraid that it may give offense to Fildwood & Pike. In any case I do not wish & do not intend to take any active part in the meetings. Owen tells me that he expects to leave for Germany in April but I hope he will be back in time for the meeting of the Association.

I have spoken to several gentlemen about Lyndall, Owen

and Huxley, but as yet no one has definitely promised to invite any one of them as a guest. It is rather long before-hand ^{to} expect this to be done.

With regard to the Mortgage & Loan Co. I have made repeated inquiry, but get varied opinions. Weir says that the Company is all right, but Grant (J. R.) seems to think that it is far from "all right" In so far as your stock is concerned, however, nothing can be done at present. As for Anna's money which is there on deposit, I mean to take it out just as soon as I can get it out. Mr. W. L. Malby has been appointed as manager in the place of George Craig who has retired. Mr. Geo. Craig, late manager of the

Exchange Bank has left
the Country, and left the
affairs of the bank in an
abominable Condition. It
is said that Ogilby, one of
the Directors will loose \$130,000.

As the Collye smelting seems
to be going on smoothly and
the general wish seems to be
to have nothing unpleasant
occur during your absence.

There has, I think, been more
sickness among students than
usual; this probably being
due to our having had a
good deal of damp & rainy
weather. One student - a
medical - died of typhoid fever.
The weather now is fine &
clear & there will probably be
less sickness after this.
We have a little snow, but
not enough to make good
slighting.

We enjoyed Rankin's visit and
were glad to hear that you saw

him before leaving London.
George spent Sunday and
Monday last with us and
expects to come down again
for Christmas. He is looking
well and has quite got
over the cold for which
he was suffering when
last here. He is trying
to ~~get~~^{induce} Selwyn to get up a
really good pamphlet &
maps illustrative of the
geol. of Canada for the
meeting of the Brit. Assoc.
If this is done George will
no doubt write the preface
on the west. If not I
think he could be persuaded
to write something for us
here which could be used
in connection with what
you have sent out and
with what Hunt intends doing.
This is the last day of
classes and I am writing

at the laboratory while
work is going on, which
will serve to explain the
inherent character of
my letter.

Anna and the little
ones are now all well
~~and~~ the latter looking forward
eagerly to Christmas. We have
talked some of going to
St Andrews for Christmas
but shall probably give
this up.

Wishing you all a merry
Christmas a Happy New
Year and a pleasant Egyptian
tour I am

Yours very sincerely

P. J. Harrington.

I fear I have omitted many
things which I wished to
say, but have no time to
read them over.

Harvey

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