

Harrogh

Montreal

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Dear Dr Dawson,

From my last
letter as well as from what
Rankine appears to have told
you, you have perhaps inferred
that I am on the point of being
hors de combat; but pray do
not distress yourself on this score.
I am as well as usual, and
though never robust am possessed
of a considerable degree of toughness
& elasticity. In writing as I did
I merely wished to excuse myself
for not giving more time and
attention to British Association matters
with regard to them there has
certainly been a great deal of
delay and inactivity on the part

of the Committee; but everyone
seems to be getting stirred up
now and ready to work.

The Christmas holidays are
at an end & lecture begins
to-morrow although it does
not seem a week since they
stopped. I spent two or three
days at St Andrews with
Eric and Edith, but have
been at home the rest of the
time. George was down for a
few days and delighted the
children greatly on Christmas evening
by a magic lantern display.

Curry is now cataloguing the
fossils at the museum. He
works steadily, but not rapidly
and the job will take him a long
time.

It was my intention to write you
a long letter; but I have a severe cold
& find myself unfit for anything but
rest so must trust to Anna for giving you
news. With all the good wishes of the
family,
Yours sincerely
P. H. R.