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My dearest Mr. Dawson

You did indeed
rejoice my heart by writing me such a
delightful, affectionate & interesting letter,
telling me all the things I longed to hear of.
I sit down with the greatest pleasure
to have a good talk with you, & shall try to
be as free as if I were sitting beside you.
I am glad Anna's Dress arrived all right. It
cannot be too fine! I did not see the sashes after
they were made up - but the Dress is a useful one
& lasts a long time. I hope Anna will have many
opportunities of wearing it.

I was so glad to hear of many things you told me.
Your account of the Educational was a brighter one
than Miss Gardner's. I had not heard a word of the
Bible work till your letter came. Where shall I
begin to answer all you have sent me?
I shall write from this side first & then cross
to yours. How I wish you were here. We should

enjoy making our observations upon everything
I am sure we should see eye to eye - as we com-
pared notes. I was at Caversham when I was
before, was I not? I came here the next day -
six weeks ago nearly. I do feel so thankful
for this quiet resting place. for it is of God's own
giving. He went before & prepared it for me,
know He is with me in it. & it is in many ways
a blessing. I stop & wonder sometimes, as to my-
self why I feel so perfectly at home here. & wish
I could remain so long. I just feel that God has
made His Cloud to rest here, & until He raises it,
I shall stay. for He will surely lead me elsewhere
the very hour He sees best. Of course it is very
delightful to come from comparative strangers
however kind, & friends. I have known since I was born
& who have like myself, strong feelings of affection
for every thing Canadian. They have certainly
been most kind - more than I ever could have
expected. I know my being here makes a
difference to W. King - who though knowing so
many people here, feels they are only acquain-
tances. The Governoress I like. She is Scotch -
we talk over every thing together - & discuss
especially what we read in papers & books.

and one of the nieces Emma Budden makes a
friend of mine. As I have the opportunity of seeing
all I wish to her.

New York itself is such a pretty place &
very enjoyable at this time of the year. We
drive out every day, & then walk. & the walking
is so good. You will be glad to hear of one great
attraction the place has for me, & that is the Scotch
Church! Not that I care for the Church, but the W. S.
service is replete with the Spirit's power. I like
it all. I go as often as I can, if I did not come
there around me, I should go altogether, as I
may do yet. I really look forward to the Sunday
Dr. Mackay looks so delicate. He married lately
& he has come one to take care of him. Except
for his health, I wish he were in Canada. I don't
know any one in Montreal so spiritually minded.
We hear that Gorse, the naturalist who lives here
preaches every Sunday. He belongs to the "Bible
Christians". We are to hear about his services
today. If he holds a Bible Class I should like
to much to attend it. I have been looking into
a book of his about Devonshire, too scientific for
me. But I pick out scraps here & there & he
looks at Nature from a Christian's point of view.

there are such beautiful thoughts in the book. There are two other gatherings of brethren here one at any rate is open to outsiders. There a Mr Strong preaches "a man of property". They were once one, but have split upon that question I don't know. I feel so satisfied with Mr MacBry that I don't like going even to hear Gorse - hope to get some chance in the week of doing so. I want Mr King & Munce to come as often as I can get them, they both feel what an excellent man he is.

Yesterday I went to hear a Lecture on Reptiles given from Mr Reppolly, one of a number of detached lectures given in the Natural History Museum every Monday through the winter. The room is much smaller than the one we have for our lectures - it was full - every body could have followed him for he treated his subject so simply & clearly. He seemed so genial & pleasant. There is a freshness & human feeling about scientific men that does not belong to other classes. His subject was the skin implements only - He told us they had spent £1200 & hoped to spend another £1200. The work is in Mr. Vivian's hands, mainly the latter, who is going to take us to see it tomorrow. Dr Dawson describes it in his "Earth, Man". I have the book here. He did not make any allusion to it.

He said of the series of deposits lying one upon another

The lowest is the oldest. of that there is no question
I have written on a separate sheet some notes of the
Lecture no doubt nothing new in them to Dr. Dawson.
I should think he was no believer in Revelations.
He claimed for scientific men they were truth
loving & religious in their way. I could not
help afterwards comparing his way of treating
his subject, though he may be wrong - with the
way I heard his subject of a national established
Church advocated on Sunday. I never listened to
such twistical reasoning - not from any want
of ability - but from perversion of judgement.

Of course he proved the necessity or lawfulness
of a national Church from the Old Testament & the
New recognized the fact in the gift of tongues &c
The sin of schism was proved from Bereboam, a warn-
ing to all men who should make political capital
by breaking the body of Christ - &c

It was all so sed as to sit still & had I been
alone, I should have walked out. I was glad
to hear that some of the regular congregation
strongly disapproved of it. It was a stranger
who preached Archdeacon Cole -
He has been a warning to me - for if one tampers
with truth, the power to know truth will be weaken-
ed. "While ye have light, walk in the light lest

darkest so come upon you".

Had now I must answer yours. God does here
give me much opportunity of speaking. I don't to
Mr King. I think it better not, but I earnestly ask
God to speak to him - as he sees fit; & I wish my own
life to show there is a power in it not of me, or of man.
I feel I must draw all from my Saviour.
So pray for me - & don't mention this - I have
not ventured to write it to any body -
How much longer I shall be here, I do not know.
I expect Mr Noble the end of the week. She will
go to Scotland from this - but the Kings don't wish
me to go so soon. Mr King has been in London for
a fortnight - may be there for some time longer.
Mr King wants to go to Nice next month - as he talked
of doing. They want me to go, - but I scarcely think
they will go this winter. I proposed their waiting
till next winter, when they will give up this house.
It is such a delightful house - such cheerful
rooms. Maggie Moncrieff is "longing" for us to go
& stay with her - when I leave this. I shall go when
first. I must come back to London, for there are
friends I should much like to see here in the
neighbourhood. Besides when I was here before
I saw nothing of London - & there are so many things
that would interest me there. I had a dear little

note from Mr^s Wilcox who wants me to give her a
few days - All my friends have been so kind.
Mr^s Cunningham writes so affectionately. I shall
seeker on my way to or from Scotland. You see
I don't intend to go back this winter. I may never
get a holiday again - so I had better make the
most of it. Thank you messages to Mr^s Cunningham
I am delighted you were pleased with Mr^s
Pore. I felt sure she was God's choice for that work.
She wrote to me last mail. I hope to answer by
this. Do help her all you can. She needs it.
Then Miss Gairdner ought not to be left alone
in that work. She is perfectly capable, but the
responsibility is too great. We shared it together
it was quite enough for us both. I hope you
will get the best person to take my place. That
his work will be better done than ever.
I don't like Mr^s Redpath as President. He never
could be popular - Why will Mr^s Dawson not take
the office - rather than allow it to go into the
wrong hands? Mr Dawson need not stand out
now against your taking it. When the thing
is in a way established. Do talk it over with him.
This is Mr^s ^{Dr.} Simpson's proposal. I mean Mr^s Redpath
but you know Mr^s P. is not heartily about the Assocⁿ

Hope the lectures are interesting this winter &
Dr. Wright is making his subject acceptable.
I am pleased to hear about our friend "Jerry"
I am sufficiently his friend to wish him most
heartily a really good wife - but I fear he is not
doing the right thing to get that. It is love for the
person & not her possessions, that will make a man
single & truly happy one. I hope still he may get
a better wife than he deserves! As regards myself
I am thankful he never spoke to me - though I think
I could not have agreed to any proposal under the
circumstances. I am with you in all you say.
That my future may be, only God can tell. It is safe
in His keeping, & my great desire is that He may
prepare me by His best for His service. I told me
the work He may give me in His own hand - that all
may be of Him -

Papa sent me the N. Y. Papers - & I read with great
interest Dr. Dawson's address - Dr. Papa said was
the best of all. Those meetings must have done great
good. I don't know what to say about Addy Campbell.
Unless I write to her father myself - of course never
alluding to you. Besides I am almost sure he would
not like her to leave. I wish with all my heart
she could come here. This place is so mild & healthy.
The home letters have not mentioned her - & I thought
she was all right - again. I know she is very delicate.
Poor Georgina has had a very tedious illness -

It is so late in the season to cross the Atlantic
it would not be safe. I am glad you wrote
about it, though I cannot see what can be done.
She knows herself how very susceptible to cold
she is. though I don't think the others do.

Had a capital letter from Maggie Freer
by the same vessel that brought yours.

Do give Miss Gale my best love. I hope Anna
sees something of her. I wonder how she
is getting on. If her Catholic friends are as
attentive as ever. I very much fear they
will succeed in getting her. Ritualism
abounds here, & all over England what has
been called "Electro-plated Romanism."
I think in the next generation England will
be R. Catholic.

Col. Noble will not be in England before March
then only on his way to Malta. So Mary will
not be in Canada this winter. She spent a
fortnight lately at the Mission Hall at Aldershot
to help Miss Daniell who was alone, & who is
fearfully overworked. I should like to help her,
but I could not stay long. She wants workers sadly.
Like Miss Macpherson, she has great adminis-
trative ability. - she has established a number

of branch missions in different places.
I must close this long scribble. How I hope
to hear from you again soon. You don't know
how much good your letter did me.

I trust you have found more Bible women.

My love to all your family. I am glad
Mrs. Armstrong is such an acquisition.

Be very much love to yourself

Ever yr affectⁿ friend

Lucretia B. Linn

Do drop the Miss.

Call me Lucretia - it will come to you by degrees -
perhaps writing may help you -