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Island of Capri ^{Positano}
to
April 8 1880.

Dear Mrs Dawson, your kind

letter of March — just received
also the annual Report of
The Bible Women's Effort. —

I do not know if the Report of
last year gave such prominence
to my name, as I have not a
copy with me now, but I had
struck this year with the large
letters in which my name was
inserted — & also the ostentatious
style of my donation.

I did wish my gift separately
used for the support of a Bible
Reader to the Hospital & for
Charities to the inmates — but
I did not intend or desire to
make myself conspicuous —
(perhaps as the sum is somewhat
large, it is doing so) or establish
a balance fund —; I am
sure a small surplus to the
Salary of the Bible Reader can

be dispensed with advantage
every month in some domestics
clothing &c. & I am glad to see
that some of it has been so
well expended.

Not only, because it now appears
to me that the sum I have
given heretofore may seem too
large for my means, for any
one object, but because I
have really curtailed some
other worthy charities the past
year - I have decided in
future to pay the salary of a
Bible Reader \$192. adding
\$8. a year for attending
charities. Will you please
have the Secretary take note
that I request this donation
to be hereafter designated only
as "An especial fund for
Hospital Visitation".

I am happy that a lady so
well fitted, as the one you
speak of has been found to take

The place of Superintendent.

Altho so long absent & so far
from Montreal yet we are
much interested in all that concerns
our home - & I often see Dr Dawson's
name prominent in the movements
of the day. I trust that the celebra-
tion has been in every way all
that you could desire - How gratified
Dr Dawson must be in looking back
upon so many years of labor & progress
in which the University under his
guidance has grown into so useful
a power. We have been spending
the days on this charming island
& find here the most beautiful &
grand scenery in all Italy - the
high rugged hills rise the shores
& are crowned with ruined Castles
& Forts, from which are combined
the views of the Blue Bay of Naples
on one side & the broad sea
on the other - Vesuvius is lazily
smoking, some nights giving us
an awful glow & occasionally a hoarse
grumble. The inland part of the

stand in very productive. & the
olive, fig pomegranate almond &
grape abound, the orange groves
are just coming into bloom &
fade the air with fragrance, but
amid all this exquisite beauty of
nature, the ignorance Superstition
& poverty of the poor people
stand in painful Contrast.
* The very babies supplicate you
on every side for "una solda"
but tho' wretchedly poor they look
gay & healthy & were they only
clean this bright colored rags
might add to, rather than mar
the scene. What a Revolution
the late elections will bring in
to English politics - We hear of
nothing else among English Tories
& indeed the whole world will
feel the effect of such a radical
Change in English policy.
I find that my pen has quite
run away from the object
of my letter - With kind regards
Yours very sincerely
M. W. P. Pinson.