

Dr. Bigsby -
July 29 / 80 -89 Glaston Pl.
P. Sq: -

My dear Mrs Dawson

Your letter is most acceptable -
Your news about your dear family, told so
minutely and tenderly in a way we never
cannot even aim at, made it so -

Anything we can do to make the stay of
Mrs Harrington and George comfortable and
useful we shall gladly and zealously do
We live just where we did - and in the
same way - ~~that~~ My faithful wife has
left me six years ago - and an affectionate
niece of hers takes care of me and my home -
She is a christian ^{lady} 50-60 years of age -
and will ably second any endeavors of mine

I shall be very glad to see George again
He has begun to make an European name - and
he has had grand opportunities - Very many
will be

very glad to see the Geologist of Peace River
Valley. of the far northwest. —

I am glad you see the serious mistake of
your husband's life-long overwork. I am
beyond measure astonished at the quantity
of good matter he has sent forth — but he
should remember that he has principal
and secondary responsibilities — and that
he is probably not a little endangering the
principal —

This is a bad month for finding people at home
The hard workers of England are every where
else — You are ^{in Labrador} when Professor Roberts

is now on his way to ^{Montreal} ~~Cambridge~~ ^{from} ~~to return~~ I have given a letter
to the Principal Dawson) — and he will be
greatly disappointed — Mr R. especially wished
to see Principal Dawson!

The admirable Dr Macaulay is a friend of
mine of 45 years standing — I brought 50
years ago

from Detroit in Michigan an interesting Indian
tale now not to be procured - He is to publish
it at some length in the Leisure Hour F. G. S.

I had forgot to say that Mr Patterson is on
his way to Montreal - to Iowa & to Colorado

I have a very high opinion of Miss Hopkins' head
and heart - She has very delicate health. Suffering
from over work - and family misfortunes -

But during the last two or three years has been
better -
She loves her book -

Mrs Booth of Nottingham has taken London &c
by storm - as a lecturer on Salvation - High and
low crowd her addresses - How charmingly
some women can address large audiences - Her
doctrine is simple evangelicism - A daughter
excells the mother people say - I have heard
neither - because for the last four years I have

lost most of my strength - and for 8 months have
had to keep the house until this June - This is
not to be complained of at the 89th year - Now I
only go out in a cab or Brougham. But I am
not so suffering as to prevent my being
useful

in some degree to my friends - and with pleasure
to myself -

On the 3rd of August we go either to Richmond or
to Norwood - and then to the sea-side

We have this day been shocked by another
mistake of our army - a surprise I suppose -

I had a nephew in Zululand - a captain
All his company massacred - and most of his
regiment, the 24th foot - He has returned
home 13th Lieut. Colonel. He was not present -
being on other duty -

Please to give my warmest remembrances to
the Principal and any of your family who
may be at home -

Tell your husband with my love - to be a man
of judgement - and not go on wearing and tearing
to his family's serious loss

Yours my dear Madam
very sincerely
J. Bigsby

Dr Gladstone is alive
& well.

Henry Wood is keeper of Nat. History, Pt. Mus.
with increase of salary