



Mrs. Armstrong
Newlands

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My dear Lady Dawson.

I feel dreadfully re-
-proached in my own mind
when I think that nearly
two months have elapsed since
we heard the welcome news
of the well-merited distinction
& honour that had been con-
ferred on Dr. Dawson during
the meeting of the Brit: Assoc.
at Montreal. My husband I
believe has already, some time

ago, sent his warm congratulations
& scarcely a day has passed but
I have not hoped & intended to
be able to do the same - but
until now - unsuccessfully -
I will not let another mail go
forward without a few lines
& taking it for granted that I
have your indulgence & forgive-
-ness I shall waste no more time
in excuses - I am sure you will
believe that my congratulations
tho' somewhat tardy - are no less
heartly & sincere, & I hope you will

accept my best love & every good
wish for the future. I know, dear
Lady Dawson that the little weakness,
twice make no difference to you
& to your life - but still it is good
& pleasant in genius & talent
to have its recognised reward
amongst men. & you will re-
-joice that the one dearest to
you on earth has been so hon-
-oured, & see - that thro' his
his beloved Science. I have
often thought since if your parents

could but have perceived all this.
How astonished they would have
been - 'No blind & mistaken
people often are! I wish I could
see you for half an hour to tell
you how truly glad I am - I am
such a poor hand at expressing
what I feel by means of pen
and paper - but you must take
the will for the deed & forgive
all inadequacies! May God
bless you both - & all near & dear
to you - & spare you many many
years to continue yr. good & useful
career - We have been

found two young beautiful
scenes ourselves for your dear
mother has sold his house &
in another part of the dear
old house & all his sacred
possessions will be a thing of
the past. I was over in
all last week. I hope to
arrange matters & go off
that go again next week
long but I hope to be
with me there. I hope
will remain for Lucas
of Cassin's sister's sister
are still here. I hope
will remain in the village.

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The rest & Calm of the Valley will
be most beneficial to my poor
mother & I am hoping the
merry chatter of the children
will rouse & amuse her -
She is sadly depressed & broken
down in health & spirits -
We have plenty of business on our
own behalf as well. In we
have found a tenant for Old
Ince & must have all our
things out by the middle of
November! We are very glad
for we feared if we did not let it

soon we might have it in our
hands some time as we have
a long lease - I wish you could
see "Hammers" just now! The
autumn tints are lovely - almost
rivalling y^r own in intensity.
Your friend "Longfellow's Service"
looks very grand in his robe
of golden russet & crimson -
I had such a nice letter from
Mr. Harrington from Exeter. Will
you give her my love & thanks
for it & say I will try to write very

some? I hope you are feeling better
after all yr exertions & fatigues.
I am sure you would be very
tired, & glad when it was all
over. Judging from the accounts,
everything was a success & all
the visitors delighted with their
reception & entertainments -
I am so glad you got that lovely
maquette. It will be quite
en règle - now! The dear
children are all quite well &
Baby so much grown & improved
since you were here - He still
keeps up his character for being