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My Dear Lady Dawson

My wife has already
or intends soon to reply to your
esteemed letter received
a few days ago, so I shall
not attempt to give you
any of our news, which she
can do so much better.
Beyond the fact that we are
all very well after our
short tour in Scotland and
a flying visit to Ireland,

whose matters look better
than they did some years
ago, in the hand of the
County (Ipswich) visited
by us. —

People in London are
waxing at present
about elections of members
of parliament, and for the
School board. In the
former it is a close
thing which party will
get into power. Both sides
are working hard and each
seems sanguine of success —

For the school board their
are nine lady candidates

out of 184, and about 55 of
these can be elected -

I wish to see one woman
at least, get in for each
District for the benefit
of the poor little children
and for the sake of the young
female teachers, who must
often require advice & ^{give}
which men could not well

For Mrs Webster, wife of a
L.C. I took the chair at a
small meeting last night,
where there were a good
many important questions
put to the lady, which she
answered very well indeed,
and it ended in a unanimous
vote of confidence in her,
and a promise of support

I having taken the
liberty of sending my
card to the Rev^d H. H.
Haweis, introducing
him and his wife to
Sir W. Dawson and yourself.

He is on a lecturing tour
in the States and Canada;
when at Montreal take the
quest of Canon Blesford(?)

Both the Clergyman and
his wife are ^avery pleasant
pair, and much in London
Society where they are
favorites -

We hope to see you
over next year with
Sir William when he

Comes to be President
of the British Association,
I need ~~not~~^{say} how glad we
shall all be to meet you
again -

With kindest regards
to yourself, Mr William
and Miss Dawson

believe me

very sincerely yours

John Rae

Lady Dawson
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