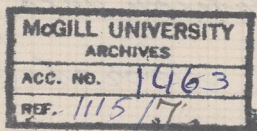


Sunday morning, Ami
287 University Street,

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Dear Lady Dawson,

God be with you especially
near and let the Almighty comfort
you with the presence of His Spirit
that you may be strengthened and
upheld in the very trying hours
in which you are, in His Providence,
now passing. Do be comforted. He
knows all & best. And we all &
deeply mourn dear Sir William too.
Were it not the thought of his great
and unflinching Hope in Him who
is Invisible and in Immortality,
we would be much sadder. During
my visit to the Redpath Museum
yesterday morning where so many

monuments of his energy and toil
and success are stored which tell of
more - The saying of Socrates
came suddenly & flashed upon
my mind in regard to a well-
spent life. "καλὸν γὰρ τὸ ἀθλοῦ,
καλὸν ἔστιν ἐπιεὶς μὲν γὰρ αὐτόν." "for
noble is the prize and the
Hope is great." This thought of
immortality of the bright future
which Sir William kept foremost
in all his great career upheld
him and made him a power.

God's great name be praised for
the life Sir William led. And his
works - his many works - do
follow him. No word of mine
can begin to describe my feelings
of sorrow and regret & loss at
his demise from our midst.

If only a fraction of his gentle
and faithful spirit can enter
my heart & life that charac-
terized his life, then I shall
be pleased. I have loved &
cherished his acquaintances
magnetic personality as one of
his disciples and as a humble
friend & follower in the many
avenues and paths of geological
work it has been my good fortune
to see the tremendous amount of
work he has done during his life-
time - work enduring and useful.

Please accept our heartfelt &
Christlike sympathy for yourself
and yours in this sad hour.

His was a life of constant use-
fulness in Religion Science &
Education which in essence
are one.

We are thankful for such a life as
his. Undaunted faith in his great
Mourner - McGill University - in
its possibilities, & future has led
to its present efficiency. I thank
Heaven that I went to McGill &
sat under Sir William as a
disciple & drew in the delectable
truths from his lips for so many
years of College life as well as
enjoyed his noble friendship so
many years & as he in some measure
committed certain departments of
research to me I can only fulfil them
with the thought that duty & love
for Truth & our Maker will be my
Guide. God bless and sustain you,
dear Lady Dawson & yours & accept this
heartfelt expression of our deepest
sympathy.

Henry M. Davis