

General Hottel Vale  
Leekhamptead

~~Hidley Oak,~~  
Reigate, Surrey.

My dear Lady Dawson

It was with much  
regret that I saw in the daily  
journals that Sir William was no  
more - His work was done and  
to God took him home -

It is now upwards of 45 years  
since I had the privilege of meeting  
him & afterwards was honored  
with his personal friendship.

Since then I have tried to follow  
his magnificent career. He was  
a glorious Christian luminary.

thing in the midst of an uncheering  
scientific world. He was  
one who stood boldly in the gap  
when a knot of practically scientific  
atheists, posing themselves as leaders  
of advanced science, tried to destroy  
our precious bible.

But not alone as a public man  
but as a private friend did Sir William  
Shine - look back to the many  
pleasant hours he spent upon me  
when I was quartered in Canada  
and it was with great delight that  
I met him for the last time at  
Mildmay and heard for the last time  
one of his powerful addresses.

You who have travelled with him this  
earthly pilgrimage for so many years  
will miss his presence terribly, but  
like a dear friend of our wife's  
you will live hereafter in a heavenly  
atmosphere far above the world  
looking for with joyful expectation  
to the coming of the Lord Jesus.

In that talented son of yours at  
Ottawa, Sir Wm leaves his scientific  
impress and I hope he too will come  
forward as a faithful servant of  
the Lord Jesus —

He most kindly sends me the  
report of the Indian Department  
which helps me greatly in the  
conduct of the CMS Mission —

We are in the middle of this sad war  
where have one nephew and many  
friends fighting -

Sad as this war is and deeply reluctant  
as our country was to engage in it I  
now feel that it was inevitable, all  
we pray for is that the Lord will  
support the right & keep us from any  
acquisition of territory -

Have been poorly since the end  
of August and am getting better only  
very slowly - But the Lord has been  
with me & having taken me and  
He very lovingly cheers me -

Mr. Hall kindly joins me in loving  
sympathy to you under this heavy trial

Remain ever  
very sincerely yours  
W. H. H. Noble

