

Montreal June 9th

Dear Mr. Dawson

I was so very glad to get your interesting little note with so much crowded into it, & truly rejoiced to hear that you had seen so many persons & places of interest. How much you will have to tell us when you return! I hope you have seen a good deal of successful working & have come to some conclusion as to the secret of success. It is useful to hear of the difficulties & discouragements of other workers - but I like to hear of what they are doing, & what they are themselves - when God is blessing them. What a great work J. & Mr. Gladstone are doing! Somebody asked me if they were "Brethren". The thought never struck me as I read you account of them.

We certainly want a Mission here to the rich & prosperous. You had better think of taking up that work when you come back!

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I send his
trivial regards to
you
Yours
W. D.

The worldly spirit that has set in here is something dreadful. The sudden death of poor Mr. Morland was a shock to the Community - a warning to the many who were his friends who are striving after all this world can give them. I cannot help hoping that he was drawn to his Saviour. For I heard at the house that since his wife's death, not quite a year ago, he read the Bible regularly night and morning, that his thoughts seemed to be directed to better things. It seems as though God had snatched him away before stronger temptations from the world had come upon him, while his heart was softened towards Him. He will be a great loss to the Hospital. It may be long before his place is supplied. His four little boys were sent to England last week to their mother's relations. Poor children, they are perfectly unconscious of their loss. How real & strong is the influence of the world when it makes so many men its slaves - & to obtain its gifts, they run the risk of losing their eternal joy. As Christians we all should pray to overcome the world, & to live in the power of the

Spirit - proving that the blessing of God doth
make rich. - that the good things he gives far
outweigh even in the present life all that
the world can offer.

It seems that we have been hearing only
of death lately. Poor Capt. ^{Mr.} you must
remember. I was so very sorry to hear of
his death after a short illness - inflammation of
the lung. Mr. Keddy brought me up a letter
from poor Mr. ^{Mr.} written in such a beautiful
& unselfish spirit. He is left with 6 or 7 children.
God's great salvation was the theme of his dying
hours. And poor Emily Crawford - who mar-
ried her cousin - Dr. Crawford's second daughter.
She died in Switzerland about a week after
the birth of a child. She has left a good
many children. You will think I am
writing you a sad letter. but I could not
help speaking of the death of those we have
known. Trust the living may be sanctified
through such heavy sorrows.

I cannot tell you any thing of our Bible-
work. for I have not seen any of the other
Ladies. I was at Rowellton spending a fortnight

with Miss Barber when the last meeting took place. Miss Macdonald seems to like the work very much. Mr. Picard at one time thought of being appointed teacher in the Universalist Mission School. However another person has taken Miss Mackenzie's place. Mr. Picard continues in the Bible work. I wish you had another in her place.

I am so glad you saw so much of Mr. Bacon & that you were present at one of her meetings. I am sure we have many difficulties that they cannot have in England. Though perhaps they have others of their own & they may be pretty equally divided.

I saw Anna about a week ago. I can assure you she is quite equal to taking care of herself, the children & the house & anything else you might have left in her charge. She takes things very comfortably & never seems to feel worried or alarmed. She is not your daughter! I don't know where she came from! Perhaps she is like your mother. I admire her brave, cheerful spirit. Miss M^{rs} Plymout & her two nieces are at the College. I think one is with Anna.

I was delighted to hear of the cordial welcome
given to your husband by the leading scientific
men in England. Though Alex gave me a
hint at expressing these sentiments, saying
Christians ought not to theatise or care for worldly
honors. Perhaps his remarks applied more
to other civilities that were shown to you - that
I had heard from Anna. How much D. D.
must have enjoyed the society of these men
& how felt himself rewarded for the long
years of toil without sympathy in such a
Country as this. The first remark that is
made by those who hear is - "They will try
to keep him in England" - but I hope he
is doing too useful a work in science in this
Country for any body to wish to keep him
on the other side. Did you see Major Smyth's
brother? While you are in Scotland you will
have more time. I hope you will write to
me. It was so good of you to write from
London where you were so busy.

I am glad you liked the patch. I hope it
is a nice one - I wrote to Mary to get you one

that would you talk about my kindness.
I am sure I have never done anything
for you, & you have always been such a
good friend to me. Hope you will see
Mrs. Cunningham before you return. don't
be in a hurry to come back - keep Dr. Dawson
with you as long as possible. People don't go to
England every year. Georgina has just
come - she sends you her love & tells me to
say that Hector Mackenzie was married to
Miss Alger. I shall say Good bye - This is a
son return for your very interesting letter. Georgina
wants to know if you ever see Miss Wigram?
very much love like the attached friend William

Wm Dawson

