

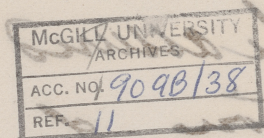
Dr. Wilson  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

Letter Sir David  
Wilson

117, Bloor St.

Toronto.

20<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1880.



My Dear Dawson

I have duly received the photos  
of your Cree & Iroquois guides;  
and though I recognise the  
address to be in your Father's  
well-known hand, I presume  
I am right in thanking you  
for kindly remembering my  
tastes in that respect. I have  
already given it a place among  
my "Poor Relations," where it  
adds a special attraction to the  
page.

We were all glad to learn  
of Mrs Dawson's safe return  
home; though all our recollections  
of the pleasure we derived from

her too brief visit make us regret  
that we could not persuade  
her to prolong it. She assured  
us of her estimation of  
Toronto and its attractions;  
but for all that, the  
loadstone of Montreal  
proved the real attractive  
power; and when at  
length the day drew near  
upon which the Ladies  
of Montreal were to be  
privileged to an insight  
into all the mysteries of  
Physical Geography, our  
Toronto magnet became  
powerless.

Will you say to Mrs

Dawson that it was quite  
a relief to me to be assured  
that she did not find  
the young lady introduced  
to her a trouble. I had  
a hope that a whole day's  
weary journey might be  
lightened by having some  
one to speak to: yet  
on the other hand I know  
what a bore it is to be  
compelled to carry on  
conversation without any  
subject of mutual interest.  
In truth I have long since  
come to the somewhat  
unpleasant conclusion

that on such occasions I  
prefer my own company to  
that of a good many.

Your father was asking the  
number of students in Univ.  
Coll. The actual number  
of Arts Students this year is  
317, - that is in actual  
attendance on College lectures.

The number of Undergraduates  
in the University, including  
the Faculties of Law & Medicine  
is of course greater.

Permit me to thank you for  
copies of various Geological  
papers, always welcome and  
interesting.

All here unite in kindest  
remembrances to Mrs Dawson, whose  
visit will remain to us a most  
pleasant memory; till effaced by  
its renewal. Yours most truly  
G. M. Dawson D.Sc. &c. Dan. Willou