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FROM TOLMIE

5 a. m.

My dear Mr. Dawson

The black edging to this page will intimate to you that my dear wife and ^{tender and true} partner for thirty years, has been relieved from her long-suffering. She has, as I firmly believe, passed to a better stage of being, whither, I hope, in a very few years at the longest, to follow her.

There, dear friend, is full expression of opinion as to our future, from one, to whom you have aye been watchfully reticent as to giving voice on the momentous topic. You may still be doubting while

while refraining from that ^{and ten} ~~investigation~~ ^{investigation} which has led ^{and ten} ~~ten~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{thousands} to confident hope and that in very many lands. For twenty years I held back - For ten perhaps from lack of opportunity and for other ten, in Victoria, from lack of mental leisure; but I was only a semi-occasional doubter - The faith in ^{some} ~~a~~ future acquired in early youth ^{remained} ~~with me~~ ^{somewhat transmitted,} altho very much else of early teaching had ^{great} ~~suffered~~ transformation. -

Now my friend, for business the business that has induced our contact and correspondence for years past - I have your letters of 18 and 19 June, and have referred ^{copy of} that portion of mine of 20 Jan '80 referring to the voe and the

8. natural order of the grouping
of the names, which I can yet
improve upon -

4. In the interest of correct-
ness and of my putting finishing
strokes to a life-long work
never long abstained from, I have
to beseech you to send me back
the vocabularies complete as
you got them last Feb., with such
notes as you may have made.

2. I promise to give some hours each
day to completing the compari-
son of words, already well advan-
ced, and to preparing a multum in
parvo preface, condensed to the ut-
termost, giving inter alia the hali-
tat of each nation and often of
each tribe. This you could then
some day at Ottawa put

on a large map, that, you sent
me, is too small — ^{as a Canadian by adoption,}
I feel humiliated at the
proposition of having our voc.
printed by Major Powell
of Washington D.C., much as I
honor his readiness to take the
matter in hand. — He will
should it be necessary to explain,
excuse our national pride
in desiring to have a commence-
ment of such work at home.

I will, on receiving the
vocabularies back write some
members of the Dominion ministry
about getting them printed at public
cost in the best way possible — Edtscher
made the same offer to me as Powell
has to yourself —
Mr. Tomie departed at 7 1/4 P.M., on the
23. June Wednesday