

Victor April 11th 1861

Mr James Dawson

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My very dear Sir

As I have just written
a note to your son, I take the opportunity
of dropping a few lines to you. I felt much
concerned to hear of the accident that laid you
aside from your morning walks. I am sure
that the family as well as yourself would sadly
miss your active life. But hope you have long
ago resumed your wonted activity.

Time as it passes leaves its distinguishing tracks in
many beautements among your old acquaintances.
Of Mr. Mythen's death you must have
long ago heard. His munificence to the Seminary
and Bible Society is variously criticised among
us. I have no doubt he did conscientiously
what he did in the whole matter. His relations
however must be bitterly disappointed. I do
believe that David's conduct was the ground

Cause of the old man's parsimony to his
surviving family. Indeed I had it from the
best authority that it was just shortly after
he had been pressed into the pay ment of some
of D's debts that he made the Codicil
which so changed the destination of his property
Mrs (revere (widow of Jas. B. Esq) has made
her will confirmatory of the will of her late
husband. She would not consent to do so
unless my name was added to the list of
Executors and I consented lest trouble might
arise, though with great reluctance.

My old friend George Ines now in his 90th year
is on his Death Bed, but has past all expectations
survived for weeks in a sinking state. I had to day
a most delightful interview and in several
previous occasions. He has ceased to be the silent
Christian, or one of God's burden men. He now
speaks most boldly and faithfully. His
great desire is that Christ may come and
receive him to himself. and often these words
fall from his Lips. O Lord Jesus
Come quickly. Why tarry the wheels of thy chariot!
His aged wife told me to day that until this

Alas he could not express himself about
Death without manifesting fear of it, Now
how changed it is truly profitable to hear his
frequent testimony to the love of Christ. "Whom
have I feared but thee and there is none upon
the Earth that I desire besides thee" ~~was~~ fell
from his Lips to day after I had read the Psalm
in which these verses occur. He has counselled all
around him and I do hope that his sons will
all profit by his dying testimony.

We had a very sudden death here last week.
Mrs. Mat. Archibald who was able to be up ^{with the family} till
11. P.M. on Tuesday night and was dead by 5 A.M. on
Wednesday. She died on her chair and though able
to speak to her husband gave no intimation of
approaching dissolution. until a few minutes before
her departure. I had not visited her as a sick
person though household visitation was held with
the family lately. James Grant Stone in soon
died this season. He used to be a very careless
man but had joined the church a year or two
ago. I was much pleased with him at his latter
end. He seemed truly penitent and strong in the
faith. I was frequently at his bedside.

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Letter
Rev^d Jas Bayne

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I might speak of others also. We have had 10
 deaths in the Cong. since New Year. Seven
 however were children. Scarletina and Inflam-
 matory disorders have been very prevalent & fatal
 Mrs Rudolf (late Catharine Quown) your niece lost
 her Babe very suddenly. We have had a case
 of Small Pox. Mr James Marshall Fisher
 but he has recovered and the precautionary
 measures taken by the Board of Health has
 prevented its increase. Your old friends now
 with us are in ordinary health and matters
 move along in their usual quiet way, too quiet
 for many. Picton is now still open during
 the coming season for me, very dull. We have
 had your Congregational donation. The Board
 have agreed to furnish copies of the Record to D Taylor's
 Congregation for 1/6 per An. but I hope a copy
 reaches you free of any charge. If not let me
 know and I will see that it does. Your annual
 donation richly merits such a return. Indeed to
 you & your son we owe it, that D Taylor & his people
 are so very liberal. I should be much pleased
 to hear from you soon. Please write fully

Yours very truly

James Bayne

Mr Bayne writes with me up
 kind regards to you & all the family