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I enclose a note from my friend
Mr. John Stewart who is working
with me here. He does not I am
sure that you are in the best
of health. I have had much
pleasure in your influence with the
Picture people

WESTERN CLUB.
GLASGOW.

12 Dec. 1872

My dear Sir

I am working steady but
sure progress towards
realising our hopes, but
I cannot force matters,
& as I said for the
beginning I must have
ample time, & as you
note, I should have a
year if I only paid
my first payment, I have
gone on working in good
faith, - but I am much
distressed & receive
already mentioned McKays
preemptory notice to pay on
the 25th of Jan'y.

It should be remembered
that the result of the
exploration has only been
in any previous a few
cases, & from this point
it should be considered
I have for the first time
been placed in a position
to act. All previous reports
were problematical, & useless
for practical purposes here.

In spite of the unfortunate
state of the money market &
the season of the year, I
have made notes pretty proper,
but this will probably be
interrupted by the Christmas
holidays - but it is more

them unless it compel us to force
matter. Rich well will not
plunge into the erection of
Blast Furnaces & the building
of the Railway without full
enquiry & consideration, - but
this is being given to the matter,
& as it requires a large sum
& many individuals, for
no one man will take it
up, you must try get you
friends & exercise the
reasonable patience which
is demanded of them.

If they do not - then
I must endeavor to see what
assistance I can offer. It
is needless to force me.

I shall expect a telegram
saying that I shall have
ample & sufficient time.

By breeding & tempering with
Others you weaken my hands,
& will not strengthen yours
now. I speak of the Pictou people

x I am giving all my time
to this business for which I
have put ~~all~~ aside everything,
& I am looking for my
remuneration not of the profits
to be raised by working the
deposits. On such a
reasonable basis I cannot
find of finding that
sufficient money to pay
you. Yours faithfully

Dr Wm Beattie

Dr J. D. Dawson F.R.S.

x P.S. I think you will find it
difficult to meet with another
man who will do what I am doing
devoting his whole life to this work