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My dear Dr Dawson.

With you I have felt much discouraged by the apparent lack of interest manifested by our friends in the P. D. Alliance, as bearing at least upon the Oka case. Had all given the time and service to it which you have rendered, such a reflection would be uncalled for. As it is, it strikes me that we must get on with the Oka case as best we can - looking to the Lord for direction and aid. I would regret much that the condition of the Alliance should be generally known, as such would greatly embolden the Philistines to insult and injure whenever and wherever they had an opportunity. I have no hope in the Ottawa Government. They have shuffled and wriggled themselves out of all

responsibility for any thing to be done in  
behalf of the poor Indians as vs. the Semi-  
-nary. I am looking, now daily, for re-  
-plies from Dr Percival, and Mr Chesson, the  
Secretary of the Pro. Aborigines Society of  
London, to whom I wrote shortly after the  
affair of Lord Carnarvon's reply to the  
memorial from the Cong<sup>l</sup>. Church, giving  
a full and corrected version of the subject  
in the Report he referred to. I doubt not  
but they will seek an interview with  
the Col. Secretary, and endeavour to  
obtain from him a concurrence, to  
some extent at least, to the course we  
ventured to suggest.

Still, I am not very sanguine, I  
must confess, in getting any  
thing

very satisfactory from men who are so  
much under the influence of popular  
Sentiment or opinion, and am there-  
fore looking the more to the great Master,  
who, whatever may be the shortcomings  
of men, will not fail those who trust in  
Him.

I hope to be in the City in a day or two  
when I will take an opportunity of calling  
upon you for further remarks on this deep-  
ly interesting subject.

With most hearty reciprocation of  
your kind regards and good wishes of the  
season,

I remain my dear Dr  
Yours most truly

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