



NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MONTREAL,
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My dear Dr Dawson,

Dr. Pler suggests that Professor Carey would probably give us a Comerville lecture if you were to ask him to do so, will you be good enough to see him on behalf of the Committee & request him to name a date - I have not been able to get any lecture for this month, & I think it might be as well another year to arrange for three lectures in October & three in July - as Jan'y seems so crowded with engagements, that it is as difficult to get a lecturer, as an audience -

We have promises without date from

Revd Mr Fyles -

Mr Harrington Bird

Dr. C. Wood -

and semi promises from Dr De Sola, Mr Geo M Dawson
Prof. Bell, & Dr Butler, - It has been suggested to me

as desirable I invite Prof R Wright of Toronto
to deliver a lecture on some branch of Natural
History - In which case we should have at least to
pay his expenses & offer him private hospitality -
if you approve of the suggestion will you kindly
correspond with him? -

Believe the Gov^r General is our patron
& as his visit is a sort of farewell, would it not
be proper to invite him to visit the Museum
or to arrange an Evg meeting or conversation
during his visit in Feb? -

Our Council meeting will be on the 22^d Inst
& next meeting on 28th I should like to have ^{the title of} your
communication on Nova Scotia fossils, - and
will also take Mr Caulfield's paper on the
Colorado P^{nt} Beeth -

I should like to make one Evening
probably the Feb meeting 25th Inst.

a Microscopic night, & get a number of
our old friends together with their instruments
& ask you, & Mr George Dawson to supply
specimens for illustration - perhaps something
might be said about methods of illumination
& each mode illustrated by suitable preparations,

I shall be glad to hear of any suitable
papers in prospect -

Wishing you the compliments of the Season

Yours very truly

Walter Edwards

Principal Dawson O.R. etc

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