

117 Bloor St

Toronto, 8th Dec. 1877

My Dear Dr Dawson

Your kind letter of the 3^d inst. found me over head and ears in College examination work; which will keep me busy till Xmas.

Mrs Wilson is looking forward with pleasure to her visit to Mrs Dawson and yourself; and it is a great gratification to me that Mrs Dawson's thoughtful kindness has overcome the reluctance which she has hitherto felt to going any where.

I should enjoy nothing more
than to accompany her.
There are many points on
which I should be glad
to have a quiet talk with
you; and you add some
novel and very tempting
attractions. But I am
already booked for a
polar expedition!

There is a Young Men's
Athletic Association at
Collingwood. I suppose
you could not find
another nearer the North
Pole. It is in want of
help; and I yielded

some time since to urgent
pressure, and promised to
spend a few days there
during my Xmas holi-
-days. Our new term
begins on the 7th of Jan^y
so that I fear it is
impossible for me to
get back from my
hyperborean mission in
time for a visit to
Montreal. I assure
you it would be a
great happiness to me
could I do so. I
retain a most pleasant

remembrance of our
last happy sojourn with
you.

I am very sorry to find
that Mr Rainsford is not
to visit Montreal at present,
It is, however, I trust only
delayed. The permanent
fruits of his labors here
especially among our
Young men are of the
most gratifying kind.
Earnest Young Christians
are making a bold stand
for Christ; and working in
many ways in his cause.
Our College has shared in the
blessing I am happy to be able
to say. Will you tell

Mr Dawson, with my kindest
greetings, that Mrs Wilson
showed me her kind invitation
for me, and fully intended
to have written a note to
enclose with Mr Wilson's
reply. But I was very
busy, and the letter was
posted before I knew of
it.

I trust the pleasure of
our meeting is only delayed.
I have been trying for
years to develop the art
of being in at least two places
at once; but with only
very partial success.

Yours faithfully

Doc. Wilson

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