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My dear Principal

I take happy leave to congratulate you on the happy result of your great College banquet, by far the largest & most important I can heard of - almost any where, let alone, in Canada. It must have required many zealous hearts and hands to have fired off so great a piece of ordnance - -

I see that it fulfilled more than one desire. I thank you for your answer to Haeckel a very necessary thing - a very chief weapon with Haeckel and his friends is audacity of assertion - and that has to be met -

Many thanks also for Joseph Man from

Prof^r

I have nearly completed a Thesis on - helped, revised by Richard Jones F.R.S.

Staughton to the publisher —

It is pretty but not expensive (save in plates)
got up. The public I hope, will, with me
see that it has a good purpose — I see
a tendency in them to look kindly at the
book —

I know that your friend Mr. Taylor of the
Tract Soc. is an estimable and able man
I have known him in high places 50 years
and I wonder at his success for so many
years — so many others also seeking for the
same kind of new material — I had
nice talk with him lately —

I have ventured to send you a remarkable
book by a remarkable woman Ellis Hopkins
a relation of mine — I have a grand
idea of this little book — It is in pure
and perfect English — but like some very gentle
animals, a roughish tongue — You would
oblige me in due season by sending me
one line of opinion — Miss Hopkins is

a powerful speaker also - and is in the
habit of lecturing upon social subjects; such
as for once - on the influence of women
on men - (man not admitted)

She is unmarried, because an invalid -
just now a good deal better -

But the woman lecturer on the deepest
religious subjects, who has lately taken London
by assault, is Mrs Booth. Captain of the
Salvation Army - Her appearance - figure
manner, language, illustrations
capture crowds of high and low almost
daily - I have not heard - but I have
read several of her addresses - and they
are excellent - very interesting - and almost
faultless. - Brighton is asking her to help
London by the sea - Miss Booth, gentle
and pretty - simply and sweetly dressed
preaches to large audiences - in Sheffield &c
Large sums are collected to help on the
good cause

Until 10 days ago I had not left the
house since last October - ^{& this before twice -} not to church
which is close by and admirably administered -
on account of great failure of strength every
way - and the development of enlargement of
prostate - common to old men - but not pleasant
for that - It all remains - but with many
mercies - My strength very low - but seems
now to go no lower for a time -

I feel the wonderful blessing of not having now to learn
all about the bible and Jesus - heaven and immortality
for I fell into a remarkably clever and right
minded medical students at Edinburgh - and know
and think with the well known Dr Chalmers - and
some other decided men - especially the father of
Mr McCall now so very useful in Paris

Please remember me to Mr Dawson - as one who
has neither forgot her daughter - bright and thoughtfully

Remember me your risen and rising geologist
Get him a professor-ship or you'll kill him - as field
work does most people - You my dear friend have
done a great work - and to live for more work you
must cease labour - Always yours thankfully
J. J. Bigsby