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My Dear Dr Dawson

In this matter of the proposed R. S. of Canada, what seems to me is that with such men as are associated with you in the Scientific Class, you can hope to produce creditable work; both in sectional meetings, and in printed proceedings. The very humblest of all included in one or other of the sections of the Scientific Class may contribute some new fact or observation in Science that will have its value. If I am allowed to take my place in the section of History & Archaeology

I can in like manner
contribute my quota to
the work of the Academy
or Society, in a form
that may not discredit
it. But what is it proposed
or expected that the Section
of English Literature is
to do? Shall we write
school-boy essays, or
criticisms on the literatures
of the day; or theses on
the want of literature?

The case is not a doubt-
ful one. It is certain,
looking to the material
out of which such a
section has to be

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formed, that it will
either do nothing, - or
a great deal worse.
I do, therefore, honestly
think, in the interests
of all concerned, that
it will be wise to
drop the Section of
English Literature.

I shall, however,
write the Marquis in
courteous style; and
try to induce him to
see this for himself.

Yours Most Truly
Wm. Lushington

P.S. Has Master Eric begun to write
Essays yet? He might make a good
Chairman of the Section.

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