

Pictou 14 Apr '82

My dear Mr Dawson

We are all thank-  
-ful to you for your kind note  
of sympathy under date 10<sup>th</sup>  
-Instant. We all know the  
strong friendship that existed  
between my late father and  
yourself and we also know  
that you share our sorrow at  
his departure. We know that  
in such a life as his "crowned  
as it was by a calm & triumph-  
-ant ending there is really  
nothing to regret or any ground  
for lamentation but only  
those who have parted thus  
with loved ones know the  
keen pang of separation  
and the sense of loneliness  
that will come with such

I need scarcely add how glad I will be at any time to see you here

recurring force as we recall  
the loving voice and familiar  
footstep now silent forever  
as far as this world is con-  
cerned. My father's illness  
was somewhat protracted but  
was just the development of  
the disease of the heart under  
which he has been laboring for  
some years. He was with me  
in the office on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Uls<sup>o</sup>  
for the last time - returning  
that afternoon to the cottage  
he nearly fell at the door from  
sudden weakness & was assisted  
to his bedroom which he never  
left. In the earlier part of the  
attack he suffered much from  
spasms of shortness of breath  
succeeded by extreme prostration  
In the latter part of his illness

these were less frequent and distressing. Sleep however could only be induced by the use of morphia. Much of his time was spent in audible prayer and the close came softly as a literal falling asleep - as you say - his work was done - I think he realized this during the latter part of his life and longed to be absent. I may only wish that by God's grace I may be able "to serve my generation" as well as he did his. I feel the changes of life are multiplying with me. My son Al<sup>d</sup> is now studying in Bonn and my daughter Annie expects to be married in Sept. - Thus our little circle is being gradually broken up. With kindest regards to you all in which Mr Pennard cordially joins. Yours faithfully W<sup>m</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Moore

Prunice  
Meyer