

Halifax, 9 May 1882.

Dear Dr Dawson,

I was about to write to Dr Selwyn today to ask what progress had been made in arrangements for the business of Section IV of the Royal Society's approaching meeting, whether he would expect me to supplement his Presidential Address in any way, — in which case I would prepare a few remarks on the present position of Botanical Knowledge & as a base of future operations in original research. I have incidentally heard however that Dr S. has gone, or is going to the North West, & will not be present at the meeting. Will you kindly tell me what is the position of affairs, what arrangements have been made, what papers, &c

in a general way.

Dr Mc Gregor is preparing a paper for the Physics section, & will read it. Mr Gulpin will also attend.

His Excellency has asked me to reach Ottawa on 23, where ^{& when} I shall no doubt meet you, but I will call at your house on my way through Montreal on 22nd, in case you may not have left for Ottawa.

I was very sorry to hear of Dr Wilson's illness, & hope he will be strong enough to go to Ottawa.

With kind & respectful regards to Mrs Dawson, Miss J., & all your household, I remain

Yours faithfully
George Lawson

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