

Dr Rae

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My Dear Dr. Dawson

I have been noticing with much admiration the earnest and efficient manner in which you and your colleagues are preparing for the meeting of the British Association at Montreal next year. I do hope your efforts may be crowned with success, and that some of the best men in England may be induced to cross the great waters to attend it.

My experience of the American Association last year

was of such a pleasant and
delightful kind, that I am
doing my best - to aid the movement
and to induce opponents or those
that are lukewarm, to change
their minds - Certainly the
facilities offered to those who
attend are most ample and
liberal, but there are some
strong objectors to the project, and
none more so than Professor
Haughton of Dublin whose great
ability and cleverness is in my
opinion matched by his vanity,
unpleasantness and ill breeding -

I saw him at a meeting of the
Royal Society a few days ago,
where he was indistinctly

bring^{ing} his views to the notice of
the Fellows, with a volubility and
force of language peculiarly his
own - I hope in a day or two to
find out what effect he has
produced, - If prejudicial, I shall
try to counteract it, although
my influence will not do much
good, I fear -

It is now becoming
rather a busy time in London
and Dynamitists are causing
a little excitement but no severe
or panic as some of the American
papers say - It was absolutely
necessary to pass new laws about
explosives, and to do so immediately
so that the supposed seoundrels
that have been arrested, should
be fitly punished if found

guilty - Mr Parnell is
placed in a very unpleasant
position, and is accused of
stealing ~~the~~ theft, whereas he
is really suffering from a
carbuncle, a painful and
dangerous complaint -

Pray offer to Mrs and
Miss Dawson my kindest
remembrances, and also to
Lady Gatt should you
happen to see her.

believe me

very sincerely yours

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