

Respect

The Manor House

Christchurch, Dec 9, 1883

Dear Dr. Lanson

Since you left we
have not received anything
to forward to you. A parcel
from Whiteley's was I believe
intended to remain here until
your return.

We have had several cold days
and a little sprinkling of snow.

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The papers I think of Tuesday last,
announced the death of Lady
Rose - I believe that it was
very sudden.

I met Rankine the other day,
at the Colonial Institute. We
hope to see him here soon.

I trust that you will see my
good friend (Rev) Dr Macdonald
in Florence. He preaches to
visitors, but his great work is the
Evangelization of Italy in which

he

he takes a very deep interest.

I am glad to see a movement
towards the union of the ^{Italian} Evangelical
Churches. There is waste of power at
present. Let the Italian Protestants
meet and form a church of their
own - Why should our denomina-
tional distinctions be forced upon
them? Mr MacDougall writes
more hopefully now than he did a
short time ago. He has laboured for
nearly five years and had almost
come to the conclusion that the
Italians

Italians had rejected the Gospel,

You will see the "Times" everywhere,
and the "Times" I think gives most of
the important scientific intelligence

We have not heard of Judge Day I think
since you left - but we think if he
were along we should have been
informed.

I am sure that Mrs Dawson and Eva
will enjoy Florence. To me it is one of
the most charming of cities - there is a
fine drive to Fiesole - The road Stehens was
made - not by the Govt or a Joint Stock Company - but
with the price of tittles sold by the Grand Duke of
Tuscany -

My wife and Mrs Nelson join me in kind
love to you all -

Yours ever truly

Dr Dawson Florence

P. Redpath