



8 Dec. 1886.

Dear Sir William,

As a member of the British Association who remembers with profound delight his recent visit, with very many of his fellow-members, to Canada, and the distinguished part which you took in the cordial and splendid reception which the people of Montreal gave to that body, and who remembers also your own eminent career, the great efforts you have made on behalf of Young Men's Christian Associations, and Sunday Schools, and the deep interest which, as a Christian Philosopher, you have shown in every good work and workman, -

I venture most respectfully to solicit your kind interest on behalf of the bearer of this letter, who being himself (as I have every reason to believe) a Christian young man, ^(the son of) ~~being a~~ ~~trading~~ ~~teacher~~ a

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a Foreman of this establishment whom I have known for many years as a good officer and an exemplary Christian, and having been also a Sunday School Teacher, has, moreover, won numerous Certificates (which he will be able to show you) in the Science and Art Department at South Kensington. He has been employed as a Draftsman in a distinguished English firm; but finding that altho' his employers were well satisfied with him (as a letter addressed to him by them, which he carries with him, abundantly testifies) he is unable to make any satisfactory progress in their service, while the avenues to success in England generally are densely blocked, he has determined to try his fortunes in Canada, and has solicited my good offices on his behalf in the way of an introduction as he has determined on proceeding direct
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to Montreal, I have resolved,
after some consideration, and
venturing to give him this note to
you, who are so universally known
and esteemed, and a word of kind
recommendation from whom must
everywhere in Canada be a sure
passport to success. Should
you be able to serve him with such a
passport, I shall esteem it a personal
favor, and it will afford me supreme
satisfaction to have aided in launching
an estimable and talented young man
on the sea of life, thro' the agency of
one who by his own arduous labours
and Christian sympathy has won for
himself such high distinction and
such universal esteem and admiration.

I have the honour to remain,

Dear Sir William,

Your very faithful servant,

Principal John W. Dawson, M.A., LL.D., G.R.S., C.M.G.
Th. G. Halbert,
(Cashier of Chatham Dockyard)

