

5, Grosvenor Place,
S.W.

London. 20 June '97.

Dear Sir William Dawson,

I have this evening received
your most kind letter of 15
inst. for which, pray accept my
best thanks. I have also received
valuable advice from Prof. Myl-
Dawkins & Mr A. de Quatrefages,
so I ought to have enough data
to to upon, but I see very little
chance of working out my subject
for next session as I have lately
accepted the responsible post of
Chief Secretary, Controller of the
Household, Master of the Horn.

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Matters of the ceremonies, and any
thing else you like to add, through
cousin Sir Edward Guinness of
Dublin, and I am to my boys
especially, during the season that
I have only my every evening
hours to devote to my own business
A science is at a standstill; &
I much fear even if I had more
leisure in the autumn & winter
that I shall be far removed from
quarters where I could refer to the
works I wish to consult.

During the last 10 days I have
been at Dublin, Liverpool, London
& Brighton & have controlled

the Establishment at ~~Westminster~~,
so I fail to see an hour of leisure
at present. Just now of course
I am almost driven wild by
having to attend to Jubilee Cele-
brations in London, & Dublin-
whither I repair on Saturday next
for 3 days, also in Sir Edward's
other Establishments, but the "task
of the bricks" of ordinary work
cannot be allowed to fall behind
in order to attend to these extra-
ordinary labours.

My friend James Cosmo Melville
of Manchester has asked me to go down
to a garden party he is to give the
Brit. Assocⁿ in Sept. I wonder whether
you will be there. It will be an
extra incentive to my endeavours

to attend.

M. Gaudry has also written in answer to my questions & asked me to attend some lectures he is delivering in Paris! Need I say I expressed much regret that my work would prevent my accepting his kind invitation.

With repeated thanks for yours with kind letters,

Yours most gratefully

Hastings

I hear the R.C.s in Montreal are much like those in Ireland: there is a sort of class hatred, race feeling, far more accentuated than in England.

Rome has no idea of Unity, ⁱⁿ Variety: all must be (outwardly) in subservience to the Papacy & all their new dogmas, be they absurd or no! must be accepted as "de fide." W.H.D.

N.B. If you would care for a copy
of my letter & sermon + a year
in review? I should be happy
to send it for your acceptance.
to be placed in the library for
reference on that country.

In the reviews, I have been variously
described as a Protestant Distributing
Tracts, & as almost a Romanist!
So you may grasp there is a certain
discrepancy of opinion! I may say
as regards the views I have advanced
in my article on "Religion" that I
have advocated a common ground on
wh. all Christians should try to meet.

W.D.

I need hardly say that my work
has been most severely criticised as
regards my crude notions concerning
evolution.

Deut
Gumpsey



