

40 Grey Mtn St.  
Montreal 21<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1887

To

Sir J. W. Dawson

Sir

At the last Monthly Meeting of the Session and at that of the Managers a few evenings later, it was intimated that you had expressed yourself so more than one, as most willing to assist in furthering the Prosperity of the Congregation so far as lay in your power; which was taken to indicate that, if necessary, we might look to you for some Lectures; and as, owing to some additional expenditures beyond those estimated having been forced upon us (such as 1<sup>st</sup> a French Drain outside of the Building at a cost of \$150. to remove dampness and consequent



the offensive musty smell in  
 the Vestry and Lecture Hall  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Contemplating the  
 recarpeting of the aisles of  
 the Church at a cost of \$150:—  
 people have been complaining so  
 frequently of being tripped up  
 by the ragged condition of those  
 at present in use

3<sup>rd</sup> Some little expenditure  
 in the way of trying to improve  
 the ventilation & which seems  
 a never ending task say \$50.

4<sup>th</sup> To make provision for  
 the desire expressed by many  
 to tender, at the close of this  
 year, to the Rev. Mr. Dewey  
 a grateful recognition of the  
 acceptability of his ministrations  
 say \$200.

such aid  
 so kindly volunteered by you  
 was hailed with extreme



delight. - To take time by the  
 forelock Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Drysdale & Ross  
 were at once appointed to wait  
 upon you in respect to these  
 things and ascertain if a  
 course of Lectures could be  
 given to consist of, if possible,  
three or four: extending  
 over such a period as would  
 be convenient to you in view  
 of your other work.

While making  
 arrangements to visit you,  
 Mr. Drysdale informed me that  
 he had introduced the subject  
 to you himself in his store  
 over a week ago, finding the  
 opportunity, I presume, a  
 suitable one, and that you  
 had expressed yourself willing  
 to give one Lecture. - He also  
 thought it would not be  
 advisable to interview you

further at present.

Will you kindly excuse my taking this means of communicating with you Mr. Drysdale my associate being aware of and endorsing the same.

The Committee would like very much indeed, First, if you could oblige them so far as to prepare at least Three Lectures

Second, if these could be arranged for as follows; - One in October  
One in November  
One in December

their reasons for this being that they might secure precedence over the usual numerous Lectures that are given later on, and also that the advantage of these might be obtained at a time when the proceeds



would be of most benefit to the  
Funds.

3<sup>rd</sup> If you could favor us with  
the Subject or Subjects  
at an early date so that  
full time might be enjoyed  
to make a complete success  
of these efforts by an extensive  
distribution of Cards of Admission

The amount we should  
like to obtain, you will observe  
by pages 1 and 2, is about \$500.  
and we are afraid that one  
Lecture alone (judging from  
the experience of others) would  
not effect the object sought.

Might we ask you  
then to reconsider this matter  
and favor us with your views

Pop - Lectures



as early as you may find  
convenient

I am

Sir

Yours respectfully

James Ross  
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