

James
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Dear Sir William Dawson,

I must apologise for not writing sooner to thank you for your kindness in forwarding my ballot-paper for the F. G. S. and your letter of introduction for me to Heidelberg, but when one is travelling about, correspondence is apt to get into a neglected state.

Even yet, I do not feel as if I could write you a good account of all I have been doing in scientific matters but when once settled down in Germany shall write you more fully.

I enjoyed the Meeting at Manchester greatly, thanks to your letters of introduction. There was a very interesting discussion on your Cözoon paper & Prof. Rupert Jones told me to tell you "there were as many unbelievers as

ever." I must say that some of their remarks and arguments were very weak and those who had visited Canada, had evidently only had a very hurried glance at the Petite Nation locality, from the remarks they made about it.

Whilst at the British Museum I was shewn round by Mr Woodward and took the opportunity of correcting some glaring errors in the labelling of Canadian specimens.

Prof. Hughes of Cambridge was very kind to me, and has taken charge of my F. G. S. application, himself.

I had a delightful time in the Isle of Wight, studying the various formations of that classical locality, and also had a good look at the Carboniferous in the north of England.

I presented my letters in London, and

visited all the principal collections.
I am fairly bewildered with their
richness and variety.

On Monday next, I expect to leave
for Heidelberg and commence work
for the winter.

Whilst at the Linnaean Society here,
Dr Murie shewed me a botanical
collection which he is very anxious
should go to McGill.

There are over 4000 specs. in 60 drawers.
3 cabinets in all. They are in excellent
condition & contain specimens collected
by such men as Daniell, Hooker, Brown,
Wight, Kippist, Gater, Don, Stanger,
& Ralph.. Dr Murie would like

to have a letter from you shewing
that it would be appreciated and
would then try to have it given to
McGill. The Society wanted

to break it up but Dr Murie fought
against that strongly.

I expect he has written you about it.
Remember me kindly to Lady Dawson
and all friends, and believe me,

Yours very truly,

H. J. Ferrier.

I send you your B.A.A.S. ticket and
receipt by this mail.