

Pictou 19 May 88

My Dear Sir William

I am in receipt of your favor of 8th Inst: and enclosure viz Cheque for \$10. I saw Principal McKay of Pictou Academy who is also an elder in St. Andrews Kirk here and is conversant with the work being done on Pictou Island. A catechist is sent there & is supported by St. Andrews Sab school and by collections taken up on the Island when he labors during the summer months. Mr. McKay said your kind sympathy in their work is highly appreciated and your donation for Sab school books will be most useful. I have not had an opportunity of seeing Dr. Patterson since I heard from you but I have remitted \$5 to Rev. P. M. Morrison, Gen Agent of our Church who is conversant with ^{the} Catechist & colporteur work at ^{at} ~~Niagara~~ ^{Niagara} Island and who will see that the amount is expended

My dear Mr. Williams

I have a receipt of your
favor of 23rd inst. and am
pleased to hear that you
are still in the city. I
am sorry to hear that
you are so unwell. I
am sure you will be
able to get up in a
few days. I am
very anxious to hear
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Yours
Wm. W. Williams
May/88

in accordance with your wishes.
The other \$5 I handed to Principal
McKay.

I shall always be glad
to assist you in placing any
funds you may wish to apply to
such purposes as the foregoing
and I trust that your example
may stimulate others also to
aid in such work as is being
prosecuted on Retou and
Magdalen Island.

I conveyed your kind
message of sympathy to my brother
and his wife which they very
highly appreciate.

I trust if you are all
well and with all good wishes
to yourself and family. I remain

Very truly yours
Principal Dawson, Howard University
Machil College
Montreal.

My son Alexander leaves Liverpool for Parisian
for Montreal on 7th prox. He has just taken
the M.R.C.S. of London in addition to his Edinburgh
Degree. He is coming out intending to settle in
Toronto which ^{place} he visits before coming here.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of a copy of the book on the subject of the "History of the State of New York" published by the State of New York. I have the pleasure to inform you that a copy of the same has been forwarded to you by express of the 12th inst. and is at this time in your hands. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith
Secretary of the State