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46 ST. GEORGE ST.

TORONTO.

21st Sept. 1888.

My Dear Sir William

I hoped, although you were probably not less busy than myself, that you could escape between this & Oct. 1st from actual personal supervision of the College work. I am glad however, since that cannot be, that you report so favourably of yourself; after an accident that might have been serious.

I had just posted my last letter to you, when your kind and valued gift of "Modern Science in Bible Lands" reached me. I have been dipping into it with great interest; and owe you grateful thanks for thus

making me a share in the
pleasures of that singular
interesting journey. I shall
follow in your steps with
lively care, so as to do full
justice to the many questions
of deep significance which
are raised. The new lights
that break on us on every
hand, to add fresh confirmation
to Bible truths, - at the very
time that infidelity is so
aggressive; and Science too
often so faithless, - is
a gratifying element of
reassurance. Accept of my
best thanks for the volume,
doubtless valuable as the gift
of an old friend.

You congratulate me on

our settlement with the City.
My holidays were abbreviated
by the necessity of being here
to look after it. I hope it
will prove in all ways
satisfactory. But you are
premature in your congratu-
lations. We have agreed
to terms of settlement; but
much has yet to be done
before the arrangements are
actually completed; and
then the whole must be
confirmed by the legislature.
There will not, therefore, be
anything done about new
chairs this year. Nothing
has yet been settled as to
the actual chairs to be
endowed. I am in correspondence

with the Mayor at present on
the subject. The City Fathers
have crude notions about
"Working men's chains," and
special teaching "for the
wage-earning classes." The
matter requires delicate
handling; and "Engineering"
is only one of various
subjects named. There is
a Toronto correspondent of
one of your Montreal papers
who indulges in a good deal
of crude, and often ridic-
-ulous, ungrounded criticism
on our University matters.
He is a disappointed graduate,
who has his own designs to
forward. Should anything
like to suit William Massey
you shall have immediate
notice. I shall post the Calendar
and other papers today.
Sincerely yours
Dan. Wilson