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Dear Sir William,

I venture to offer to the library of McGill College a volume which represents the fruit of some study in past years, and which at all events contains a masterpiece of literature. Pope said long ago that —

'Ere such small critics some regard  
may claim,  
Preserv'd in Milton's or in Shakespear's name.'

And the recipient will of course have the kindness to forget, (or not to quote) what

follows about the 'grubs or  
worms' preserved in amber!

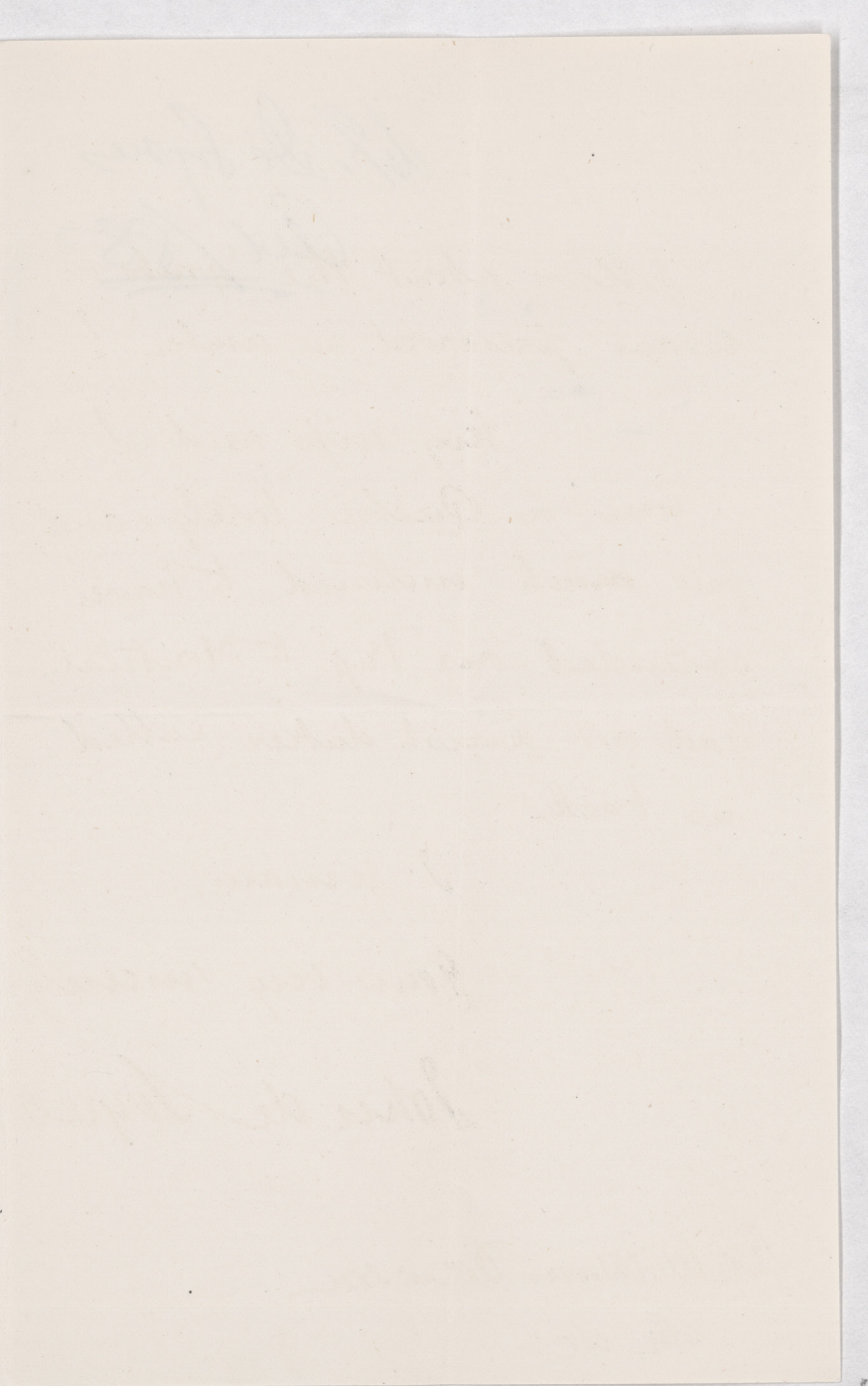
My wife and I  
were in Quebec lately, and  
felt much inclined to have  
extended our trip to Montreal,  
had not parish duties called  
us back.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

John de Soyres.

Sir William Dawson  
etc. etc.





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