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Mr Belknap

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My dearest Sir William -

I have commenced writing but, I know not what to say, or how to thank you for your long letter, which gave me so much, that you know interests me. I was amazed when I opened your letter, and thought it was far too kind for you to have made such an effort, on my account. I am truly grateful
Dear Mrs Harringtons account

want of health,
of yours & dear Lady Dawson,
with others, caused by Influenza
grieved me much, but God in His
great love has opened you to do
some work still, for Him.

You have indeed been devoted
to the Museum, it was on your
account that my dear husband
first thought of building it.

Do you remember the night
you & Lady Dawson dined with
us, at the Windsor, before we
came to England? Some words
were spoken by you, of the diffi-
culty there was in going to your
boxes, at the highest rooms in the
house, to get out specimens for

the classes. When you left us, my
good husband talked it over
with me, and came to the con-
-clusion, that he would build
the Museum, as soon as possible.
When he once made up his mind,
he commenced making his plans -
You know the result, which made
us very happy. I think this may
interest you. All you have told
me since then, more particular-
-ly since my dear Treasures death,
has been a great comfort, and
joy to me, for your many kind
letters to me, I now lovingly thank
you. In the work you so greatly
delighted in God's Hand, touched
you, but, he still permits you to do

work for Him - Your last scientific
paper is very valuable to me.

Your Ezou, What a most valuable
gift you have handed over to
the Museum, your remaining
collection of unique & precious
fossils reptiles - and your
collections of Ezou, I imagine
of greater value than the rest.

How the staff of teachers, and
workers, in the Museum had
increased since our time.

I hear very little of Dr. Wallace
Walker, I doubt not that he is
the right man in the right place.
Professor Mc Bride spent a

I feel I am very fortunate, not to have missed your kind notice of my portrait. I always feel much obliged to you & dear Lady Dawson for which I do indeed thank you.

at The Manor House, when last in England, I am always so glad to see any one from the College, or Montreal - In spring I took for the pleasure of seeing Mrs Harrington's daughter, I shall hear from Eva of her coming. I look back on the days I had (when my good husband was with me) of seeing you, and Lady Dawson. I have read every word of your precious letter over, and

and feel more than I can express
for your great kindness.

While doing so, I could not help
thinking, how my dear husband
would have entered into all you
write. But, do they not know, are
they not our Guardian Angels?
I often feel my loved one very near,
and near like leaving my home
of so many sacred memories.

I came to Portsmouth hoping to get
without my winter cough. I wish much
better, but remain for a few weeks.
We spend all our time outside.

Portsmouth is a beautiful place,
altho' rather cold, the temperature
is mild, & soft, if that is consistent
with cold! I hope I have not tired you.
Will you, Lady Dawson, Dr & Mrs Harrington
accept my very sincere love, I trust all are
are better ere this. Always your affectionate
friend. Grace Redpath.