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Sir J. W. Dawson L.D. & Co. & Co
Montreal

Dear Sir William

Your esteemed favor of 22nd inst
I have received, with its very kind enclosure,
I am sorry for the necessity of returning
the same to remedy an omission
that escaped your notice. Perhaps
you may desire to change the amount,
as Tracts for Hospitals & continue
to be supplied freely. These institutions
are a notable blessing to the afflicted,
not only of the City, but far off places,
even in the United States, Not less
than three Cases of Cancer have occurred
coming from Meles. One our Mr. Alex^r
Sunt who works our farm, Smoking
brought on a Cancer of the lip, but
mercifully the operation here had

(under God) been the means of his recovery.
His brother-in-law Mr Robert Turry was
too far gone with Liver and Stomach
Cancer when he came up about end of
December, so that nothing at all could be
done for him, and in about ten days
after getting home, he died. I am very
thankful there was good hope in his
death. He died rejoicing in Jesus
as his assured Saviour. The other
case I only heard of yesterday, one of
the Cray men, one of whom was with
us on the farm in our early days
of Metis, and with one of whom, the
late Mr Richard Hall went with ^a two-
wheeled vehicle to Bay Chaleurs. The
journey by the old ["]Kemp road was one
of three days then, before of course, Railroad
times. The sick young man was
I hope it may please God recover, and
restored healed, soon to his family.

I have thought that possibly the experience of Lord Strathcona in a journey he took in a Winter of the long past, in search of medical relief for his eyes, when he came from the Hudson Bay Post at Mingan or even lower down, Two Indians accompanied him, but one of them I believe was drowned and the other became helpless from exposure, So Lord Strathcona, so deservedly honored as he has been, had to go on without help and providentially succeeded in getting to the desired help.

I have thought that probably his own experience in that terrible journey, has had its influence on his kindly nature, in having to do with the establishment of Victoria Hospital.

I am thankful that your publication of your very valuable book on the "Uses and Strong Drink" of Scripture, is in the hands of the printers, that is, the edition

specially intended for Students of McGill
and others, and I trust it will be attended
with special blessings to those for
whom it is specially intended, influencing
the life of many a right and helping to save
many from destruction.

I am much impressed with the
thought as to the value of an edition in
French. Mr. Grafton will I think talk
with you on this important point. The
translation I have assurance can be
managed by a very worthy man, who has
the leisure now to give it due attention. He is
a Protestant Notary formerly here, but now
at Sweetburg P.Q. He offers to do the
translation very reasonably & I believe
would do it thoroughly. He is a very worthy man.
This book after last summer's experience in
the "Phiberti" Case. would I think by
Divine blessing aid in opening the eyes
of French Students as well as other
thinking French Catholics throughout
the Province. I am very Respectfully & Faithfully
with best wishes Dear Sir William, Yours by mutual
I. A. Matthews