

Dear Dr B,

I have been preparing
for some time some mis-
notes on my life and
relations to men & institutions
for the last 50 years, entitled
Half a Century of Science
& Educational work in
Canada, and had hoped
this winter to have copied
them out & made them
ready for publication, but
I have been gladden down
with sleep & have not
been able to do
so

I have thought that I might
get some competent person
to edit the MS and
I believe Hodder & Stoughton
London or Durdale here
would undertake the
publication

I find that none
of my correspondents or those
in a position to undertake
the work do just know
of anyone; I have thought
of my colleague John Pease
F.R.S.C. but have little
personal knowledge of
him

The publishers would see
that the work (a small
800 volume) could be
made to pay if priced
low, and I should be
very glad to spend its
profits in paying editorial
work.

Kindly reply at your
leisure. I know that
it will take a long time
with you but a
short note will suffice
and the list of editing
by Whittier and myself
extend over a year.

Do you think he would
do as an editor say
under the advice of
of my son R. G. M. D. n
of Dr Bourmont if he has
time.

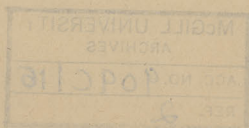
I am very desirous
to have this little work
done before I go hence
in the interest not only of my
self but of those with
whom I have acted and
of Canada generally.
So I hope you will
excuse me for troubling you

(or say I will write)
I shall write ~~you~~ ^{shall write} written to Dr & Mrs

about this, and shall
ask him if possible to

See you & to write to me
what you think if you
have not time.
Your friend in much
bodily weakness

J. M. D.



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Sir William to Dr B.
asking advice as to who
he could get to edit
his Biography?

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