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My dear Lady Dawson

I have not heard

a word about you & yours since I left home the 3rd of June last. I do hope that the air at Melton has done a great deal more for you & Sir William than your stay in the South did last winter.

You will be very busy no doubt on your return to town, in a work that will be trying to say the least, but what is done at God's bidding, has His Presence & blessing in it. "What we commit to Him, He certainly keeps - always & in all things - as you know so well. Though faith at times is sorely tried. I often thought of you at Newick, & wished you were with me at all the meetings.

It was a little bit of heaven let down to earth, at first I felt lonely, knowing so very few, therefore having little or no interchange of thought - but that passed off & I was delighted with all I heard. I saw Mr. Sims once or

voice, who told me Mrs Elliott was there. Only
heard it, as I was leaving. If you had only
been at the Missionary Meeting to see how
many parents stood up, who gave up their
children to the Mission field - how many
young people offered themselves - it was most
worthwhile. That, & the personal testimony of
three men - from the platform telling how
they had entered into this life of faith -
were to me the most interesting of all the
meetings. One Rev. Handley Moulton - head of Ridley
College Cambridge, & the other two Scotchmen
had a great deal to overcome in doing it.
I hope to tell you much more when we meet.
When in London I went several times to
Adelphi Terrace, the office of the B. W. Mission,
& gathered some information as to their
ways of working. I saw the B. W. workers
twice gathered together - an intelligent &
devoted band of workers. They have evidently
greatly improved since Mr Bangard started
the Society. Mrs Mace W. Selpe Leonard has
ever since her death, taken her place & Miss
Finnaid seems to be her right hand.
I think there are four in the office - that must
be paid for these services - but that I don't know

The B.W. get less pay & work longer hours than ours - certainly they are not inferior. Of course the Nurses get more than the B.W. as they are trained. If a Church wants a B.W. or nurse, this Society supplies them. Dr. Gibson whom you know, has them. I believe he is in Canada this summer. I hope to see more of the world before he sails about the 25th Oct^r? I am very sorry I cannot be back for the meeting in Oct^r? but I do hope you will be there. The great work will be left to the right ladies to undertake the collecting. Mr. Forbes promised & she is a very good one. There ought to be some letters with witnesses to explain the position now of the Bible Society, as well as of the B.W. - so many would cheerfully give - did they really understand the call & need to do so - Another thing the Collectors ought to take copies of the last Report with them. That is done by all other Societies - it is a good way to use them. Now I think I may dismiss the subject. Mr. Wraunce & Mr. King & I have been together in Lodging in Buxton since the 31st July & the time has passed so quickly. We are in such a pleasant part of Buxton - overlooking the gardens with a fine view of the surrounding country. The thing to do is to take baths & drink the waters - which I have been doing. It is an idle sort of place. Dr. Hall of New York has just left - here on account of his wife, who looks delicate. We stumbled upon him often. This is a small place & prettily situated - but Keswick is prettier. The Goldwin Smiths come to Buxton in Oct^r to spend the winter. Of course you have heard a great deal of Miss Petrie (Mr. Carr Wilson) & I happen to have stumbled upon three families who know her well. In London, Keswick - so I have heard her praises as no doubt you have from head quarters. I expressed surprise to one of these friends who said Miss Petrie had written to her that she considered herself a most fortunate person in getting such a husband. Mr. Wraunce & I have copies of her "Cleans & Holy Writ" which we both think excellent. She certainly must be very clever & very well read. She has a field for her talents in Montreal. I hope she will

take an interest in the Students (Lady)
of the cell. She intends to come back to
England next summer & eventually to
bring him & settle here. She has too large
a sphere of usefulness in this Country to
give it up. He fell in love with her thro'
her book. They were engaged nine days after
they were introduced. You are sure to know
all this, & a great deal more. So I need not
continue the subject. I am very glad he
is getting such a wife. I do like to see
Christians married to Christians. work to-
gether through life in the service of the
Master. I have been so struck in seeing,
& hearing of whole families being active
working Christians. & really whole-hearted ones
far beyond any thing I have seen in any
other Country. I had no idea there was
so much of this in England. & it rejoiced
my heart to see it. I should like to live
in this Country, & get into the swing of work
here. There is such a heaven of true godliness
& so many advantages of every kind.
Still I love our poor little struggling

Canada, & feel it is my home. with all
its drawbacks. & I shall be glad to be
back - though sorry to leave England.
I am returning by New York with Mr. For-
rance, as she takes the idea of going back
alone. I go to Scotland next week. Mr. S.
& Mr. King leave Buxton the week after.
I shall be with the Scott Moncrieffs for a
fortnight. then pay short visits to some of
my English friends. I have constantly passed
them by, it is so many years since I spent
a summer in England. at least 20 - for
I always go abroad. Mr. Marshall is back
again in Canada. He spent the summer or
part of it in England. He did not cross my
path. I hope you get good accounts of all the
absent members of the family when I was
in London. I thought of Raeburn, & wished I
could have seen him. I scarcely saw any
one from Canada except those who have been
long residents in England. I hope to be some
weeks in London before I sail off - on
with Mr. King - then a quick passage home
if all goes well.

I heard from Anna Macdonald Prince Edward Island today. but
not a word about herself or any chance of her coming back to
Montreal. Her Uncle had been there - arrived unexpectedly in
stead ten days - that looks as if she were not coming back.
I am sure you & Sir D^m will be delighted with Mr. Carus Wilson
but she will feel lost in Canada - think she is wasting her
fine talents in such a small area. If you have time to
scribble me a line address Bank of Montreal

22 Abchurch Lane
London E.C.

I shall be delighted to hear from you. but if you are
too busy - I shall understand. Kind remembrance to
Sir D^m & with much love ever affects yours
E. W. Linn