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Lord Lorne

answered

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My Dear Lady Dawson - I
hope you will forgive me for
sending a line to you at this
Time, when you must be
receiving many letters from
those who have greater right
than I to speak to you
in your sorrow. But I
had the privilege of seeing
so much

of your dear husband
during my Term of office
in Canada, and he has
afterwards so kind to me in
continuing our intercourse, that
I feel that you will
admit me among his friends.
He sent me almost

every thing he wrote, at least
from "Academic geology" down
to a very recent date. I delighted
in his style of writing, as in
his conversation, and have often
looked back with pride to that
hot day when he allowed
me to lay the first stone of one
of the Buildings of the University
he loved. He used often to

to recall with some amusement that
I had coupled the youth of the
McGill College in a sentence with
his "Eozoon Canadense"! Alas that
we shall now miss his active
spirit and quiet courtesy! It is
impossible to say how greatly I admired
his character and attainments, & the
place he had won in our influence
over the students. I like to think
what a comfort George and the
other children must be to you, and how you
will accept food with as he himself
had have desired. Believe me
Yours very truly
L. H. [Signature]