

Jan^{ry} 16. ¹⁸⁹⁵ / Fraunce Lee
Stonham
Suffolk.

My dear Dawson.

I was delighted to see a day or two ago in the papers of the high position you now occupy — and which you so well deserve. —

I rejoice to think of the honours that have come to you — and I hope there may not be many more. —

The co-workers of 20 years ago are all far scattered now! — and I have but sight of so many —
a few weeks ago Col. Ward

wrote to me - He has retired;
& is now the country gentleman
in a retired corner in Gloucestershire.

- He told me of Salween being

I think at Diverness -

we are all Colonel, now!

I do not know where Featherstonhaugh
is - or even whether he is yet living -

- Anderson has long since
gone to his rest - as I have no
doubt you know. -

You will know more about our
Canadian comrades than I;
& at times I often think of you
all - and often regret that we
did not make more of one another
when we had the opportunity. -

It was a happy experience to

me - those days of prairie
life -

I should hope that now - all
your days of lonely wandering
over the Cascades - & Rockies
are over - & I trust if the Lord
yet delays you may long
enjoy your well earned
leisure. — The thing I am
well assured of — that the
crown that fadeth not away
is of more value to you than all
that earth can give — and
so — if the Lord do come speedily
His coming will only hasten
your day of exceeding joy —

I have grateful recollections
of Sir William's courtesy &
kindness - long yours as in
Montreal - and I beg
you will kindly assure him
of my warm regards. —

If ever you remember when you
meet any of our old comrades
& give them my warm love I
shall be grateful to you -
Now & ever believe me

Yours very respectfully
Valentine F. Rowe.

I have to thank you for many
pamphlets sent in by-past days -
