

GREENWOOD TO CANAVAN.

TORONTO GAOL, Feb. 20th, 1864.

MY DEAR FRIEND MR. CANAVAN,—By the present opportunity that now offers me to write you a few lines to you as you have been a friend to me from the first to the last. Sir, you have been a brother to me since my trouble that it is my duty to write you this letter as that is all I can reward you for your kindness to me. Dear Sir, when Mr. M. O. Cameron and you was pleading the case for me at the court you was pleading for an innocent man of any murders. Sir, as I have told you and others about my past life has not been worse than others, not accusing any one of anything that is wrong, I would not do it for a moment. Sir, as I was allowed to fall into temptation which, and all other men knows that we are all apt to fall into these temptations if we have not the presence of God with us, and the only means by which we can be at all safe, namely, by continued prayer. Dear Sir, as to the character of Agnes Marshall and O. Walsh, as I thought was not good, and there is other men could tell you that as well as me, if they like to do so, before I went to Mr. J. H. Cameron's service at all. Sir, I have seen things for myself that I was satisfied of their conduct. I did not make free with O. Walsh as I did with Agnes Marshall, as I told you before. When Agnes Marshall told me what was wrong, I told her it would be better for her to leave the place before anything would happen at Mr. Cameron's and I was told not to mind it as it would not cost me anything. Dear Sir, there has been a great many enemies at my trials against me, but I will forgive them all; they done wrong, and I will leave it to God. Sir, the Rev. Mr. Sanson has been coming every day to see me, and he has given me good advice from the first to the last (if it is thus coming); and Mr. George Allen, the Governor of the Gaol, has been very kind to me ever since I have been in the gaol; and the officers likewise—Mr. McKinney in particular. Sir, you know that I will leave my dear wife and one child. My wife and me always lived happy together. My wife's mother has been very kind to me as well, and has tried all in her power to get me free from this place. I was in, and it was not in a wrong case, and may the Almighty God reward them for it all. I must not tell you any more about them, as you know yourself as they have done all they can for me. Dear Sir, I will close these few lines to you and to Mr. M. O. Cameron, and hoping that your continued prosperity and healthful condition, may the Almighty disposer of goodness for ever continue to uphold you in all this conclusive to your comfort, both here and hereafter, and God bless you all!

I have told no one but you and Mr. McKenny of the matter, and goodbye, my dear friend. You can see my wife about the likeness, as I will tell her.

Yours, &c.,

WILLIAM GREENWOOD.

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MR. CANAVAN, DEAR SIR,—That which I have told you about O. Walsh you must not think for a moment that I am guilty of the murder, as I have told you before, as I am not guilty. The statement that I made to