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It is evident from the context of the letters to our friend Palmer Howard regarding his project to loan of the eye is a specialty that there must have been some movement under way before he left Montreal to bring him back there. The uncertainties he expressed possibly were caused by Palmer Howard to the Principal of the University - who shortly after sends the letter.

From Sir William Dawson to W.D.

McGill University  
Nov. 25 1872

Principal Dawson <sup>will be</sup> recalled was President of the Natural History Society - and the paper on the Canadian Diatomaceae must have been fresh in his memory. His letter was <sup>received</sup> ~~forwarded~~ by one from the Dean which indicates that there has been some earlier correspondence on the subject.

From Dean Campbell to W.D.

Montreal 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1872

From R. Palmer Howard to W.D.

Montreal 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. '72

Other replies were frank and straightforward ~~refuse~~ refusals of the offer on the grounds of his absolute unfitness for the position. The rough drafts of his three replies to the letters which have been quoted ~~and~~ he fortunately been preserved, ~~too~~ the reply to Dr Howard may suffice.

My dear Dr Howard,

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not only to get some general grounds in modern science which was making great strides in the  
1800s, intention was to study of pathology as his special goal. The most eminent specialist in the field

of the day, Sir Wm Bowman and Prof. of Phys. at this time but of pathologist there also  
though he is Joseph Chief identified with the Royal of Medicine Hospital at Moorfields  
where he and his chief work.

One of the signs of a reduction, of Howard letter.

W.D. Howe's profound admiration for Bowman is the frequent topic of specialist  
one with a honest rendering and <sup>fully</sup> ~~truth~~ year later (in his Presidential address May 12 1882  
Pediatric Socy) of men who <sup>could rise</sup> high because of deep foundations "The most distinguished  
Oculists have been men trained in physiology and pathology; and some, like Sir Wm.  
Bowman ranked reputations so prominent in several departments that the  
identity of the physiologist has been lost in the of pathologist."

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