

The fact of my having been associated with Dr. Dawson for a number of years in University work will perhaps excuse my venturing to convey to those interested in the selection of a Principal for the University of Edinburgh the estimation in which that gentleman's Services are held here in Montreal by those who have had the best opportunities of observing them.

The Faculty of Arts in the University of McGill College may be said to have been created by Dr. Dawson. I ascribe it to his personal influence in this Community that the necessary funds were secured for the requisite endowments and the completion of the College buildings. I desire to remark emphatically the singular ability that he has evinced for University organization. He has completed a system that works better and better fulfils the the object of a University than any other I have any knowledge of. Through all his difficult course of action he has preserved the respect of persons of all religious denominations and the friendly regard of all I believe with whom he has been connected. With the other professors of the University he has worked with perfect harmony. I am not acquainted with the present state of the University of Edinburgh; I may leave however to say, that if its internal arrangements are susceptible of any improvement, Dr. Dawson's thorough knowledge of University work in all its forms, his experience and assiduity, his politeness and the confidence in his integrity and disinterestedness that he invariably inspires, point him out, as the one, above all others that I know or expect to know, qualified to carry into effect improvements likely to be permanently beneficial and to promote the efficiency of that University.

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