

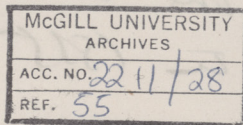
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My dear Sir,

I am delighted to hear that Sir Roderick has come out so liberally in the matter of the Geological chairs at Edin., and I hope sincerely that the arrangement may lead to an appointment that may tend to stimulate geology in Scotland and England as well. With regard to myself, you can quite understand that I could not appear as a candidate, without damaging my own University here



The case of the Principalship
was different in this
respect. Nor would I
care to take a Professorship
in exchange for my present
~~position~~ unless there were
other inducements to counter
balance the descent in
title and position. Further
my present income is worth
as much to me as
£1200 or £1500 Sterling and
would be in ~~any~~ Britain
Besides it is late for me
to commence an entirely
new work of this kind.
Had I succeeded in getting
the Natural History chair
in 1835 I would have

been a different matter.
My pupils would have
before this time been fully
important parties throughout
great Milan and the
Colonies, and there
would have been an
Oxford school of Nature
Reveries quite able to
hold its own against London
New England has got the
start. We were subjected
School was for the matter
can and a hard battle
was the fight for a small
best school of Guelph in
about 9 could have been
to see the victory.

My children have
now grown up and the

Chances for the complete
Settlement in life are better
here than in Scotland. Unless
therefor the New Year City
be placed in such a
position as to give every
people ~~free~~ advantage pecuniary
and otherwise for day, a large
and important work, I
certainly could not think
favourably of it if offered to
Mr. Dunbar. He is
his not yet been made and
for poor experience I think it
likely that local influences
with the general community
will be in the opposition I
very let make up my mind why
I do not.

In the mean time allow
me to thank you very much for
the help in my case
and to be in the eyes
of
Yours
W.D.