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Principal Dawson

Dear Sir

I thank you for Dr. Hon Joseph Howe's Address, owing to illness I have not been able to read it ^{at} untill this evening. Shortly after it was delivered, I was called upon, and requested as the President of the Y. M. C. A. of Montreal to invite him to deliver it before the Montreal Assn., before doing so, knowing well, that he was not a religious man, and believing him to occupy even a lower position, not a central man, I read the portion which speaks certain positions, in "The Globe", and at once declined. As you know, my opinion is clear Y. M. C. Assn. has specific work which is distinctly religious, not Political. It would have given me pleasure to have

been at the Convocation yesterday
but was not able to hold my
head up - I trust the Session
has been of the character, and
made such progress, that even
you have been satisfied with
the progress. The day may come
when I may be able to help this
most important work in which
you are so nobly laboring,
at present I can only pray that
you may be guided with grace
and wisdom, so that the result
of your labor, may redound
to the glory of our Lord and
Master,

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Yours in Christ's love
James Claxton

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