

working well when I left, & we
were not responsible for the delay -
I saw the remarks of the morning
papers & had I been in town I
should probably have replied to
them, but I only returned last
night & probably it is not worth
while now - especially as it was
more fairly treated in the Evening
papers -

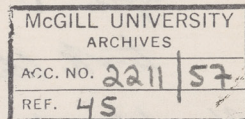
I trouble you with these personal
Explanations in order that you may
understand fully my position &
be prepared to meet some remarks
which I have since learned were
made, somewhat unkindly about
my "mysterious disappearance" -

In reference to the ventilation
there was good reason for complaint
& I will look into the matter & see
what can be done
with renewed thanks

Yours sincerely
Mark Edwards



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Beaver Hall Hill.
Montreal Nov 21 1877



My Dear Principal Dawson,

Thank you very sincerely for
your kind note, which relieves me
from an impression of disappointment
at the result of my share of the
programme on Monday night -
Regret that any such impression
should have arisen but I cannot
blame myself for the omission of
any precaution which could have
prevented it - I had as I supposed
made perfect arrangements to work
synchronously with our friends at
Emmanuel & arranged every detail
as to time, but they were not so
punctual as we & my ventur
abandoned his post & listen to the
Eloquence of Mr Bray who spoke

from 8.50 till 9.30 - thus
upsetting all my arrangements
after I arrived at Emmanuel I
took charge of the telephones in the
Church parlour & held communication
for some time ^{with my daughter & the platform} while he was still
speaking, & having replies from
my daughter, I thought all would
go on smoothly - ^{when he had finished} & spoke to the
audience there. At about 9.45
several messages were exchanged
the musical programme was
then proceeded with & as I
returned about 10. I found so
large an audience leaving the
W.H. Coys building that I turned
away, rather than raise further
expectations & went down my
office to pack my microscope
& arrange for leaving town the

following morning - For I had
been professionally engaged in a
forgery case at Cornwall Court -
the week before & was requested
to be there on the 29th but I declined
& leave my public engagement
& thereby sacrificed \$25.00 -

Just before the Council meeting
I had an urgent message to leave
that night, but as I had been
ready all day preparing for
the meeting & the rehearsal
promised for 12-M not coming
off till 4 PM - my arrangements
for leaving had been postponed
all afternoon & I was glad to get
down to my office at 10 - &
make my preparations - I also
went down to the Herald office
with some memoranda & comm^d
with the Star, informing the
reporters that every thing was