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My Dear Dr Dawson

I fear that I must
look on your letter as a declination. If
you wish more time for consideration it
will be given you. If you would like a
conference it will be granted to you. If the
letter is a declination we must just
submit to this disappointment

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary
meet on wednesday. If you give us any
assurance of your looking at the offer the
Board will sanction your election. As it is
I do not mean to bring the matter before
the Seminary

As to the College our friends were willing to
~~advance~~ provide the salary, provided we could get you
As it is we may have to lose the endowment,
promised

There is no fear of McGill College now
that it has got a hold on Canada. We cherished
the hope that you might have ten years here
to complete your life work which is a great
one. But I suppose we must part with
the hope. I have not the dimmest idea
of what we may do.

I regarded it as a great triumph
when we got the two institutions to
agree on you. There will be no attempt now
to combine them. I am yours ever

James W. Cook

