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My Dear Dr Dawson

Our Board of Trustees meets on this day fortnight. It would give <sup>me</sup> <sup>an</sup> <sup>immense</sup> pleasure to lay your name before them and to hold out the hope of being able to induce <sup>you</sup> to come to us and teach palaeontology with perhaps a little of biology in the College and to give lectures on the relation of geology and religion in the Seminary. You would receive a unanimous and hearty call from the College and a concurrence as hearty from the Seminary.

If you wish any explanations I can give them or if you encourage me I will travel all the way to Montreal and meet you. You see how anxious we are to have you

The scientific expedition of which I spoke  
to you sets out for Wyoming <sup>Territory</sup> tomorrow. The  
leader is Mr McMartin our assistant engineer  
who has been twice in that region. My son  
who was botanist last year goes out this  
year as a fossilist. They should have  
liked to have you as their chief. Dr Guyot  
has arranged the expedition but I fear  
will not be able to go himself.

Prof Young takes out another party  
in July to view the eclipse in Colorado

Give my regards to Mrs Dawson.

Yours Ever

James Welch

Our Commencement is on the 20<sup>th</sup> - they  
expect the President of the United States if  
he is not prevented by the closing of Congress

