

Dr. Wilson
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My Dear Dr. Dawson

I learned with extreme regret that the appointment to the Engineering Chair had not fallen to William; of whose success I was very confident. It would have been a source of much pleasure to me personally to have had him on our staff; and I am sure we should have been gainers thereby. I can only say that I did my best to bring it about; and doubt if I could have done much

more had I remained in
Toronto.

In my recent visit to
Edinburgh, and the renewal
of much kindly intercourse
with old friends, I was
led to recall the seemingly
slight circumstances on
which depended the total
change involved in my
leaving Edinburgh for a
Canadian home. I
could not help reflecting
on the reluctance with
which I accepted the
disposal of courts; while

now I can look back
on all the way in
which I have been led,
and can truly say that
goodness & mercy have
followed me all the
way. The disposing of
our lot is in the hands
of our heavenly Father,
and I trust that William
will have as good cause
as I have, to say "He
doth all things well."

To myself his failure is
the greatest disappointment,
and in this both Mr Wilson

and Jamie heartily
sympathise. They
join me in kindest
regards to yourself, and
all the circle of the
Inglis College household.

Faithfully Yours
Dan. Wilson

Professor & Mrs Williamson,
of Manchester, charged me
with all kindest greetings
to you.

