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My dear Dr. Dawson,

If you will look at
a passage marked in our
October number, which I
passed the Manager to send
you, you will see that
our vision extends to the
W. file University, whether
we rightly understand the
condition of the other Eastern

university or not.

I do not doubt that
there are in these
institutions good men doing
good work. But can a
single university be a very
good one? Can it perform
to any great extent the
function of advancing science
and learning, as well as that of
Education? And is it

possible but population so
small, and with so little of
the element of wealth and
business in proportion to their
size as those of our Eastern
Provinces should maintain
anything on a par with the
great Universities of Europe, or
even with Harvard and
Yale?

Answer we must make the

best of what we have. Consideration
appears to be dead and buried.
Now is there any real prospect
of a Dominion Examining board,
much less of a Dominion
University.

You may be sure that any
remarks you may have to make
will always be welcome, both in
them. — I am
your kind interest in my
little literary enterprises
Very truly yours
Edwin Smith