



Dr. Dawson

Toronto

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My Dear Dr. Dawson

I owe you many thanks for your most kind supply of materials to me for doing justice to the City of the Royal Mount.

I forwarded to you this morning a copy of Returns just printed by order of our Local Legislature on the vexed subject of Co-education.

I hope you will not object to the way your own name is introduced in one of my letters. I did not contemplate its being called for by the

Assaulted Local Widows
when I wrote.

Our Kingstons friends were
crowing over us. Professor
Fletcher, who acted as one
of our examiners in
May, spoke quite triumphantly
of Queen's College having
solved the problem which we
refused to deal with. I
said at the time that the
admission of half a dozen
ladies to the Arts Course did
indeed commit them to the
principle; but the real
difficulties would not fully
appear at starting.

Medical education has
of course its very special
and flagrant difficulties,
but truth be lecturing to
young men, in the presence
of young women, on some
of the subjects that must be
dealt with, appears to me
one of the most trying ordeals
I can conceive of, both to
teacher & student; And
yet there is this apology in
Medicine, which is wanting
in Arts, that there are
never likely to be a sufficiently
large number of female
students of Medicine to
sustain a Ladies' Medical

School; whereas in Arts
an efficient College for
Ladies would certainly
be numerously attended.

The more I have thought
of it, I am the more
strongly impressed with
grave objections to the ad-
-mission of lady students to
this College.

All kindest greetings to
Mrs Dawson, to Eva, and to
all the household. The
happiest of times to
you all. I may have the
pleasure of meeting you at
Ottawa, but I am uncertain as
to my being able to get away.
Yours faithfully
Dau. Wilson