

Private

27 Eastbourne Terrace,  
London,  
April 14, 1882,

My dear Mr. Feltner,

To-day I leave  
for Edinburgh to attend the  
Tercentenary. I am to be the  
guest of Prof Calderwood, and  
old friends, and hope to enjoy  
the meetings and to do what  
I can creditably to represent myself.  
I shall return to London im-  
mediately on the close of the  
celebration, as I have a paper  
to read at the Geological meeting  
on the 23d, and much to do  
in the working up of my notes  
and specimens, which can be  
better done here than elsewhere.  
My passage is taken in the Pavilion  
for June 12th, and thus will I  
think give ~~an~~ ample time to  
visit some places & people of interest  
after my London work is finished.

I write you principally to refer  
 to a matter on which I have  
 hitherto said nothing because  
 it does not fall within my  
 province to advise respecting it  
 — viz the Chancellorship vacant  
 through the lamented decease  
 of Judge Day. My reason  
 for mentioning it to you now,  
 is that it has come up in  
 conversation with friends here  
 and as I have expressed my  
 views to them, I think it right  
 that I should state them to you  
 also.

According to the Statute,  
 as you know, the President of  
 the Royal Institution is also the  
 Chancellor. The first question  
 therefore is as to the wish of  
 the Governors with reference to

the Presidency of the Board. This  
 office is that which is of great  
 importance, the Chancellorship  
 being little more than honorary  
 and having no place or duties  
 in the Charter of the University.

It is evident that it  
 would be dangerous as well  
 as disparaging to the present  
 members of the Board to ap-  
 point a new man and make  
 him President. The choice must  
 necessarily fall on one of the  
 present members, and they  
 should be considered in order  
 of seniority. If it were thought  
 desirable to appoint one of  
 the Junior members, this should  
 be done at the suggestion of  
 the Senior members, and especially  
 of yourself, Mr Redpath & Mr S. H. Motion.

who stand at the head of the list. Mr Redpath would probably be the very best man to succeed you in the Presidency of the Board, were he Resident in Montreal. If he is to reside permanently here he would probably not accept it. In any case suitability to discharge the duties of the Presidency must be considered as well as fitness to figure on public occasions in the capacity of Chancellor.

It does not appear to me that the matter is being prepared at present, since you have for some time discharged the duties of President, and it would be well that time should be given to consult fully all the members of the Board.

and of possible to secure  
unanimity.

Please to understand that  
in writing as above, I do so  
with the feeling that it is  
not for me to advise in  
the matter, any further  
than invited to remind  
you of what seem to me  
essential conditions of the case.  
I need farther say that  
I have always regarded the  
arrangement which makes  
the President of the Seneca  
ex-officio chancellor as a good  
one, since it secures a man  
of experience and knowledge.

of our affairs, and tends to  
give greater dignity to the  
Office of Governor. In the  
present state of Canada the  
usage which exists in this  
Country of appointing eminent  
men outside the rank of  
the Army, with no duties  
except that of delivering an  
address, would be very  
dangerous, and possess very  
countervailing advantages. But  
with us this cannot be  
done without changing the  
Statutes; and I am not  
sure that it would not  
conflict with the Charter,

which in spirit at least respects  
the Government of the Uni-  
versity to the Board of Royal  
Institution, with the Principal  
Fellows and Faculties, and  
has no place for a Chancellor  
except as another name  
for the President of the  
Board of Royal Institution;  
or for a Vice-Chancellor ex-  
cept as another (and in  
my judgment less honourable)  
name for the Principal.

I have thought once  
a time of asking you if there  
is anything I could do when  
here for the Bible Society; but  
I suppose there is not, I shall

by of possible to be in town  
at the time of the Amiz  
Quarries, but am not  
sure whether I can manage  
this,

By leaving on the 12th  
I shall hope to be in Montreal  
before the close of the Normal  
School and before every one  
has left town, and in time  
I am in preparing for the  
Brit. Association. Mrs Dawson  
and her may perhaps stay on  
this side a month longer. I have  
had the pleasure of seeing Mr  
McLennan and Mrs Molan, and  
last week we saw the Marquis  
of Lorne, the Prince Louise, and went  
with the former to lunch with the  
Duke of Dufferin. All expressed much interest  
in Canada. With all love and good wishes  
to all friends.  
Yours sincerely  
M Dawson

27 Eastbourne Terrace

April 24/1884

My dear Mr Ferrier,

Your letter of April  
1st was waiting my return  
from Edinburgh, & I might  
have answered it last week.

The Edinburgh Lectures  
was an immense affair, specially  
remarkable for the large  
number of eminent men  
collected to it from all  
countries, and for the  
testimony borne to the value  
of the liberal constitution of  
Edinburgh as a "school of the  
reformation" as the Chancellor  
called it, and for the  
tone of deprecation of the  
modern apothecism and in-  
fidelity which pervaded the

Speeches of the Foreign delegates.

Prepared and presented  
an address of congratulation  
on behalf of the girls,  
which I shall bring out  
and report to Cooper Union  
on my return, which I  
hope will be in time for  
the June meeting.

Dr Howard writes to  
me that the Medical faculty  
needs an extension of its  
building. I was quite prepared  
for this from the large number  
of students, and I fully agree  
with him that it should  
be done, more especially as it  
is important to preserve the  
status our Medical Faculty  
has now got in advance of

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All others in Canada. The purpose & end as  
mentioned ~~is~~, which seems a good idea, as to  
be used in chapters than any other way, would  
improve the appearance of the book, and  
would not interfere with subsequent extension in  
places when required. As to the means, there would  
seem to be no difficulty in the finances. I may as  
soon say at 6 per cent, making it a just charge  
on the interest of the medical endowment with  
such terms as other endowments or the increase of  
the means of the University might enable the  
board to be removed. Or a higher rate of interest  
might be agreed on and a sinking fund established  
to cancel the debt. Mr. Redpath's ~~to~~ whom I have  
spoken on the subject, agrees with me in these suggestions.

As to the important matter of the  
 Chambership, a letter from me respecting  
 it must have elapsed yours, and you  
 need see that I quite agree with you  
 that there is no need of haste in the  
 matter, and that I also believe that  
 the wishes of the President of the Regent Institute  
 and the desirability of members of the Board  
 are the considered more than the points &  
 what time appears to attend our partisans,  
 It was Judge Denkin who introduced the business  
 for a Chamber, and his idea was not to  
 embark a new office but to give additional

deputy and University rank  
 & the President of the  
 Board of Royal Institutions  
 I had some conversation yester-  
 day on the subject with  
 Mr Redpath and he  
 agrees with me that it  
 is due to you and would  
 be conducive to the interests  
 of the University in present  
 circumstances, that you  
 should be appointed, or  
 rather should continue  
 in office as you have  
 actually discharged the  
 duties for some time.  
 Mr Redpath was to write

I am J. W. S. Mollen stating his  
 views on the subject, which  
 should have some weight  
 with the Board. Should this  
 be the view of the other  
 members there would  
 of course be no need  
 for delay.

I would also suggest  
 that the program or the  
 Repertory should offer  
 an evening entertainment to  
 the Members of the British  
 Association, to be held say  
 on the Tuesday or Thursday  
 evening of the week of  
 Meeting. The offer should  
 be made to the Local  
 Committee. I would  
 not very little and

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I went ahead to the details when  
Dustin, The Peter Westcott Museum  
found he would be it and it was  
he made a very pleasant occasion,

By mistake of Wood and  
Jep Root, I saw to go to the first meet-  
week & he went at the first description  
in connection of the question of the admission  
of women to degrees and other business  
privileges. There he dealt the elaborate  
will be interesting and instructive, and it  
is likely to gather a great number of the faculty,  
and always exists as often in the business  
life.

Why there will be very fewly seen here  
the the market of May at least; but I  
hope I receive a week or two for the month &  
French in substance before I leave.

With all kind regards in return  
Yours Dear Sir

Henry Jones

W. Johnson