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My Dear Sir William

I was about to answer
a former letter of Yours, relative
to the opening of Your New
Medical School; but here I
have another from Your
diligent pen.

Let me say, embracing nearly
the whole question involved:
I have laid it down as a rule,
& which I make no exception,
that during term nothing
shall take me away from
College. I have adhered to it
for these two years. Scarcely can

illness has been allowed to inter-
fere. How Dr. Miller & Dr. Grand
can dance attendance at meetings
all over the country is incom-
prehensible to me. On an
average, through all the year,
one day per ann. would be
more than all my absence.

Only once did I make an
exception. An old & valued
friend was about to celebrate
the twenty-fifth anniversary
of his principalship of
McGill College; and invited
me to "pipe with those that
danced" on that happy
occasion. It was one
worthy of the exception. But
with so many wise heads at
Montreal to manage the N.S.C.
I do not feel called on to

break through my rule. In truth, I could not possibly leave Toronto just now. I shall write to Dr Johnston and give him all authority to do in the printing; and if a meeting at Seneca can be arranged at Ottawa I shall attend; though a rest there, I am sure will be much craved by me. I have been corresponding with Bourne.

I sent you my manifesto in defence of secular education. Am I too secular for you? It is really meant as an

appeal to the friends of
National education against
the politicians, who would
bait us for Methodist
votes at the next
general election.

Excuse a hasty line
for I am terribly pressed
just now; as you, no
doubt, are also.

Yours faithfully
Dan. Towler