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Dear Sir William Dawson

I do not know that one in a subordinate position like mine is called upon to give any reason for resignation. In the case however of one who has been so consistently kind as you have been I am not only ready but anxious to give all my reasons & motives and to clear up any misunderstanding that may exist. Neither when I telegraphed on Wednesday nor when I replied on Friday did I think it necessary to enter into reasons, seeing that

These reasons had been clearly indicated in the letter which asked you to use your discretion in handing in or withholding my resignation. Your telegram of Thurs: 24. I did not get till Friday 25 as it was sent into the Langham Hotel instead of being kept at the Langham post office. It ran "have you accepted an appointment. I replied no. Later on thinking that I ought to indicate more clearly what my position was I cabled to say that I had accepted proposals made to me subject to ~~the~~ agreement to certain terms for which I stipulated. This I will explain later on.

And first I ought to say that I would have resigned my ~~high~~ ^{high} ~~fill~~ ^{fill} appointment in any case. Standing as I was for various posts, I came to the conclusion that on the whole my prospects were better on this side than in Canada, and that as the idea of returning to Canada and practically giving up the prospect of advancement here, was becoming more & more distasteful, the fairest course towards the College was to resign at once and give plenty of time to fill up my post. It would have been pleasant for me to postpone this irrevocable decision. But as soon as there was a good prospect of my

decision taking this form, fairness
to you forbid any postponement.
Of course I cannot accept any pec-
uniary benefit from the delay.
My resignation will operate in every
financial aspect as though it
had been handed in on April 30.
And if the fee due for the 2nd year
women ought to be diminished
let that be done.

These are times in which a man
hesitates long before resigning a
sure and certain income. When
I left you in Spring I had every in-
tention of returning in case of
failure to secure a more desirable
post here. In a position such as

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mine one cannot guarantee no
change of view, and as I indicated
to you any attempt to obtain such
a promise would have been met by
my resignation. As time went on
and I became more & more uncertain
about returning in any case, I wrote
and plainly warned you, & went so
far as to say that if you thought
my uncertainty was unfair towards
the college you were to hand in my
resignation. The moment I saw that
in any case I would be reluctant
to hold my appointment at Montreal

I cabled to you in order to give you
due and sufficient notice.

The time fixed in the Spring as the
limit to which I could postpone
my decision was the first week
in July.

To you personally I am ready to ex-
plain the allusion of my telegram
to a proposal that had been made
me. Early this week a proposal
made some time back by
a Headmaster of one of the Public
schools was put forward again
in a more promising form. It
was to the effect that I should
undertake the organisation of
and conduct of a preparatory

school officially connected with
the said public school. Whether
I would take it or not I could not
say until I had accurately learnt
all the conditions. This I only did
on Friday 25, and I then said
that I would ^{under-}take the post if
certain terms proposed by me
were accepted. This will most
likely be done and I shall know
early next week. This is in a
certain sense an appointment,
but had I called it so in my
cable I should have grossly mis-
led you. If successful it promises
much more than Dr^o file.

if not I shall lose a great deal of
money.

What I deeply regret is the trouble
to which you may be put in filling
up my post at a time when you
have much to think of & duties
over and above your college duties
to fulfill. Should you desire to
make use of my services, in
listing up a list of ^{good} candidates
I shall be glad to do all that
I can - My Mc Gile Testimonial
has only been used in the case of
the Kelly College and from that I
am most likely about to withdraw
I am
Yours faithfully
J. W. Kunkler.

To Sir W. Dawson.