

Toronto, May 12th, 1887

Dear Sir William Dawson

Mr. James of the
11th inst. is just at hand.

Since my arrival I have
been constantly engaged on
my father's affairs, which
I found required a good deal
of attention. As he has had
another attack and is much
enfeebled, a change is likely
to occur at any time.

I therefore think it would be
safest for you to forward the
slides - by express at my expense -
and then if I am able to
go up to Ottawa I can
take them with me.

Penthallen
May 1888

I am very glad if there is any new light on the main question.

With reference to the Garden in College Grounds, my own feeling is that if it could be accomplished it would be a very great advantage, and perhaps prepare the way more fully for a larger and more complete Garden on the plan originally proposed. While thus educating the public up to the requisite degree of appreciation, it would at the same time afford to our students those facilities for practical work, which I conceive to be among our most pressing needs. I fancy that Mr. Macdonald would be favorably inclined

Towards such a scheme.
Eight or ten thousand
dollars, with about fifteen
hundred or even one thousand
dollars per annum, would
give us very good facilities
for instruction. Four or
five thousand would do a
great deal, but the first
sum mentioned would enable
us to put up something creditable
to the University and of more
permanent and general
value. I shall be very
glad if any plan for the
realization of such an addition
of our resources can be brought
to a successful issue.

Yours cordially
respected

D. D. Peabody