

Beeche Hill  
Sydney Mines.  
7<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1889.

Dear Sir William.

I duly received your kind letter of 21<sup>st</sup> Ultimo, enclosing my son's Report of 12<sup>th</sup> Dec; I had previously received a copy of the Report and was grieved to find that Mr Martland had had to complain of Dick's using tobacco. The Report was the first intimation I had of it. Dick has promised me that he will not use tobacco again, I hope I can trust him, but example is strong when a lot of boys are together, so I have written Mr Dickson asking him to kindly let me know if Dick is again

detected committing the offense. I read your letter to Dick, hoping that it might have some effect upon him. It is really very kind of you to have written me as you did, and I am grateful for the kind interest you thus shew in the welfare of my son.

Dick left us this morning to return to Toronto. He will try to be able to pass his examination for McGill in June.

M<sup>rs</sup> Brown unites with me in wishing Lady Dawson and you a happy New Year. I remain dear Sir William.

Yours sincerely  
B. H. Brown.

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