

Redpath
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The Manor House,
Chislehurst.

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Dear Sir William,

I thank you for a
copy of the "Montreal Gazette" containing
a report of your meeting of Convocation.
I heartily congratulate you on the large
meeting ^{and} the results and the expectations
announced. I often think of the time
when I was holding a line for my father
then laying out that part of St. Catherine
Street - it must have forty seven years
ago

ago at least - it may have been in 1838 -
and Dr Bethune came to speak to him
about the arrangements - I desired my
father to ask him what was being done
about McGill College and when would a
building be erected - Dr B. was enthusiastic
but at that time nothing appeared possible -
Some progress has been made since
that time -

I have had several letters and testimo-
nials sent to me by applicants for the
new Canada chairs in the Science Faculty.
I have not had any instructions from
Montreal, but I understand that
Bovey is coming over soon - as soon

I suppose, now as his accident will permit,
and they will be ready for his consideration.

I have written to each of the applicants
saying that I expected Professor Bony
in England soon but that an accident
which had happened to him would
detain him at least several weeks. I
have also told them that the appointments
rest with the Governors.

The paragraph of which I sent you a
copy seems to have been flaked over
the Continent - I have had just three
letters from Germany and Denmark
asking assistance in ^{various} ~~various~~ ways - Two
of these are amusing and more than one

Wm

has a track of paths. — One asked me
to christening ~~at~~ which I was to be godfather.
Another asked for donors for three young
ladies who are educated, good and good
looking but the men in Germany won't
marry unless they see some money before
them — I close in haste

Yours sincerely

Peter Redpath

Sir J. M. Dawson
Montreal.