

McGILL UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES
ACC. NO. 1463
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Reverend  
July 95

as Chairman of the Board, in  
securing the appointment of Dr.  
Peterman as your Successor. As far  
as I can hear no more worthy  
and satisfactory a Successor  
to you can be found, and it  
stands to reason that McGill  
should be represented on the Board  
by a gentleman of high standing  
who can bring, especially to  
the questions relating to the  
Higher Education, the influence  
of his high position.

But great as the merit of  
Dr. Peterman may be - we all

Shrewsbury 5<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1845.

My dear Sir William.

Your letter  
of the 2<sup>d</sup> Inst. was not a surprise  
to me, for I have known for a long  
time of your intimate connection as a  
Member of the Council of Public Instruction  
and yet, I must say that, I feel  
deeply both the necessity of your  
action, and the great interest in the  
Committee, which, in <sup>so</sup> great measure  
has profited by your wise Councils  
and kind influence for so many  
Years.

You may count on my  
using any influence I may have,



Shall miss the wide experience of Canadian life,  
the thoughtful and kindly spirit which gave effect  
to Councils of Wisdom, and the readiness to  
assist in every detail of work suggested by the  
Committee, which have been your characteristics as  
a Member of our Committee. I hope most  
sincerely that you may be spared yet for some  
years, to continue your life of public usefulness,  
unaffected by the cares & worries incident to

official life - and that Lady Dawson may  
also enjoy the clear retirement which must  
result from <sup>your</sup> retirement from public duty -

It seems to me that you are right in standing  
in your resignation through the Superintendent.

Believe me to remain

As Mrs. Dawson  
Montreal.

Yours very sincerely

J. M. Hunter