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Priv:

Ottawa, Jan 70.

My dear Principal,

I have been more vexed than I can tell you on paper, at the chapter of accidents that has defeated my plan for spending some days at Montreal on my way here. The plain fact is, that at Quebec I was simply so tied & bound that to the last moment I could neither get away nor write. On Monday, it was a race to start. And since I got here on Tuesday afternoon, it is now (Thursday evening) I have hardly been able to write a line unless for telegraphing.

Before Mr. Ferrier left Quebec I tried to explain to him any number of matters that I wished (I wish) to discuss fully with yourself, Judge Day & him. This must go to-morrow noon; he can't go into any detail about these before then. But I must write a line to show I am keeping them in mind. Just this morning I saw Gordon Meredith, had a satisfactory talk with him about

mining school matters; I will see
him again, as well as Howe, be-
fore I leave. I am sure he is
trying to bring them into what you
& I would call the best shape they
admit of. And I firmly believe
that with a little patience we shall
be able to get the substance of what
we want. Instant discussion of
it to advantage may not be pro-
bably is not possible. From the
fact - first, that so much has
is now pressing is before us this
week - I think that next week
& probably the week after, I
can't be here. I must ease I
not so strongly to being here when
the matter does come up.

It is not likely I can leave
before Monday. It may be Tuesday.
And it may be that the needs of
the Legislature - doing so may drive
me straight through Knoxville
on my way down. But I will
surely spend a day en route, if
possibly can. I am anxious to know
what you concluded to do at your
meeting or meeting last week.
And I particularly wish to know
this, before it is made known to
the total government; i.e., if coa-

curious that are to be commu-
icated in that quarter will come
to. Mr. Ferris telegraphed me
that he would write; but I have
not yet got his letter. From which
I conclude that probably what
he had to say was not very
interesting.

It is late, & I am very tired.
If I can add anything to-morrow
morning, I will. If not, my next
must just be writing address
at I can. You must have faith
in my capacity; over-diffused
over the "many things" he half
disheartens me, as it may seem to
you. At another area of many
undertakings, you perhaps will.

In haste,
Yours very faithfully,
Christie Rankin.

M^{rs} J. C. Cole.

1870.

My dear Sir,

In reply to your note of last night, I would say that I received a letter from the Education office on the 5th Inst. asking me to send a Receipt for \$345.51, stating that they had destroyed my former receipt of \$626.06. I had sent the last form I had to Quebec where the receipt for husband &c went, so I had to write to Dr. Goad for forms (which I did by return of post) but he has not sent them as yet though he got my letter on the 6th. - When they come I will send the receipt & regard

but I do not see a prospect
of the Check before Tuesday at
earliest, nor do I see any good
in telegraphing.

I should be much obliged to you
if you would certify the enclosed
substitutes for the receipts I
am sending to the Board of Works
as having been taken from my
Vouchers as I shall need such
a statement at the Audit in
June —

Very truly Yours

W. Baynes

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Wm. Dueson Esq

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Jan. 11. 1870

My dear Sir,

The Board of Commissioners^{es} will be happy to see you at the opening of their new School House in the S. Joseph suburbs on the morning of the 10th of February. N. R. H. Poirice Arctur has consented to be present, and I hope

That nothing will occur
to prevent your complying
with the wish of the Comm^{rs}.
That the Head of our
Montreal Protest University
be present to add dignity
& grace to the occasion.

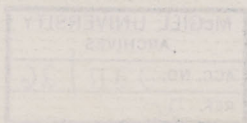
Yours faithfully,

Ambruscius
Chairman

Principal Dawson L.D.

P.S. The hour will probably
be ten.

The Comm^{rs} this day
accepted the proposition
of the Governors ament
the High School.



St Louis
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Glentworth 20th Jan 1870

My Dear Sir

I shall (D.V.) be
with you in Montreal on
Tuesday or possibly not until
Wednesday Morning - I find
I shall be alone and remain
only a day or two in Town -
I find I cannot without
great inconvenience take my
family in before I go to Ottawa
about the 8th or 9th February -
If there is any chance about
the

Meeting on any thing particular,
- can be communicated please
write or telegraph to.

I am sorry to hear that our
steady friend & Benefactor Mr
Tom Holson is so helplessly ill
probably not now alive -

With kind regards in which
my ladies join - I remain

Yours sincerely

Dr Dunsen J. W. Day

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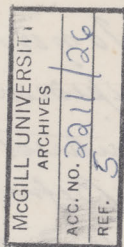
J. W. Dawson. LL.D. &c
Principal McGill University.

My dear Dr Dawson.

I have just read your "plan for the extension of University Education in Canada" and have to thank you for the same. It is a further evidence of your continued and apparently inexhaustible zeal in the cause of education in this country, in which you have laboured intelligently and successfully.

Considering the difficulties with which you have had to contend and the limited means at your disposal the progress of the McGill University and its affiliated institutions must be a source of satisfaction to yourself. Reward certainly does sweeten toil.

As I stated to you personally I shall be glad to aid in any manner possible in furthering any object which the University authorities may decide ^{on} I would now however mention to you a point which possibly has never struck you and which you should know as it has already had its effect in diminishing the zeal of two old friends of the University.



To you it is unnecessary to explain the expediency of securing and maintaining the interest of the friends of the University.

Before the revival of the University about 1833 a few law-students among others A. Morris, B. Chambelin and N. H. Stephens had a "bill" passed to secure a reduction in the term of their studies, on condition of taking a degree in law. This they secured through McGill University and established the law school which had previously but a nominal existence. Prof. Badley's class was then formed and A. D. Deane's class in arts filled. Alex. Molson and his brother were thus brought in to the University and their interest enlisted in its success. This interest was communicated to the Molson family in whom a benefactor was found in more than one instance. Prof. Day through the same family connexion was also brought in and the result from this small beginning aided by your well directed efforts since your connexion with the University has been the present portion of the University.

Your object is to complete the work thus begun sufficiently to ensure no retrogression and my object is to help you. Now to my point. The University has properly honoured Morris but it has "forgotten" I use the word advisedly Stephens and Chamberlin. They are the last men from whom you would receive the hint. I should fail in my duty to you were I not to state that it is to the interest of the University that you should not forget the pioneers who worked for the University when it was a byword in the community and when they were scoffed at for working for it or in connection with it.

One word for myself before I end this note. I was one of the students Morris had me called to the High School board. I found myself there with my mind preoccupied with personal difficulties and ~~unable~~ unable to secure support in some reforms I would have carried. So

a useless and powerless member
therefore withdrew from the Alliance.
Do not suppose I speak
as I do from personal reasons. I do
not place thoughts to keep
these reports as private and
should you wish to inform yourself
more fully as to the only struggles
of the poor and into classes than
refers to no other subject than
the New York Education Act as
that some as he has always been
one who has himself to the
fact and the earnest pursuit
practical and demonstrative of the
effect of labour and study.
I have not seen such in the
subject of your pamphlet as I have
not yet fully decided what you
have intended. My only
impression is that the former
university has adopted the best
system yet thought and that
society to be struggling and the
community such as we have in
this Province of Quebec and further
substandard. Yours truly
J. H. Adams.

"Postscript"

It has just occurred to me that I have not yet sent you the books in Canadian History I intend to send.

I have put out some of them but not all yet. You might secure a large number of valuable books without much cost it appears to me, in this manner.

Advantage asking for books from private libraries that are not valued by the proprietors. They will be granted if you will send for them and pick them out. F. D. King would do this for you and possibly at a cost of \$100 he during six months would secure for the Library what you would never get and which no other man could get. As to your interest and at the same time ^{for the benefit of} ~~accepted~~ a good man and than whom no better instrument for your purpose could be found I would urge you to try the experiment.

J. B. L.

Lamb

July 1/40

Tweeddale Court.
Edinburgh 29 Januy 1870

Principal Sawson

Dear Sir

Messrs Macmillan & Co. have
sent us the accompanying
statement together with a cheque
for the Balance £41. 14. 7 which
we have placed to your credit

We enclose a note of our a/c
as it now stands, and with
kind regards We are

Dear Sir Yours truly
Oliver Boyd

Ol. Boyd
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Genl. Survey Office

1st February 1870

My dear S. Dawson

Thank you for your letter relating to the Mining school. I have received a copy of Mr. Meredith's Memo. and infer from it that the Government have decided to bring the subject favourably before Parliament. I agree with you that the scheme as it now stands is not as complete as could be wished; nevertheless I am glad to hear you have refrained, in this stage of the proceedings, from expressing

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To the Government your doubts of its
success: and I hope the Bill will be so
worded as not to prevent our making,
after it is established, any changes, in
the direction you mention, which may
then be deemed requisite to secure
the future prosperity & usefulness of the
School. — I have all along thought — and
said so to Sir William — that the sum stated
to be required for annual maintenance
would prove inefficient, especially during
the first years. The chief point however
in the mean time, is to get the thing
started; and afterwards I trust we
shall be able gradually to improve
our position, & by introducing judicious

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Changes under the ^{School} both useful and
popular. In any case you may rely
on my cordial cooperation in any measures
designed to effect so desirable an object.

Yours very truly
Wm. P. S. Sargent

Wm. P. S. Sargent

Ottawa

1 February 70

My dear Sir

I am glad that you are not dissatisfied with my memorandum about the 'School of Mines'. I am quite persuaded that any direct attempt to connect the School with the Polytechnic College would have proved fatal to the scheme, both with the Privy Council and with the Legislature.

My object was to urge the members of the School and to leave all details to be settled (on the report of the Professors & of the School) by the Government Council. In this way the greatest amount of elasticity would

In answer: The mere proximity of
Inceps College to the School would
necessarily give it great advantages
over the other Institution in connection
with the School, as both these natural
advantages you must, I think, be
satisfied, at least in the first instance.

Thank you for your "Plan" and for
the Programme for the Royal College
of Science for Dublin - I shall
return the latter in a few days.

Very yours
A. M. M. M.

J. W. Dawson Esq. L. L. D.

Principal
The Pill College
Bristol.

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Manuelita
July 28

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It affords me pleasure to state
 that ^(two years) during the period in which
 Mrs Amelia J Walker was engaged
 as Teacher in the English Depart-
 ment of the Mount Allison Seminary
 she applied herself diligently to the
 discharge of her duties, and that
 her efforts were successful in
 promoting the improvement
 of the pupils in their various
 branches of study

Ephraim Evans
 Governor & Chaplain

Sackville NB

Feb 5th 1857

Dr Evans is
 now in Yorkville
 Ont.

W^{ch} A. Walker who has been some
years resident in this place as a School
Teacher, and to whom I have sent from
two to six pupils for the last six
years, has, I say with perfect truth given
me entire satisfaction, and therefore
cheerfully recommends her to any &
all whose patronage she may wish to
solicit, as a person well qualified
and worth of their confidence

Isaac Noble
Carleton N. John N.B.
Aug 26th 1864

(Mr. Noble
is an American gentleman
and partner of Isaac Rich & Co
Boston Mass)

I taught a young Ladies High School
some years in the above place
A. D. W.

486 Craig Street
8 February
1870

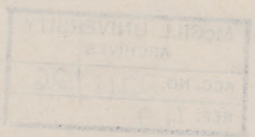
Principal Dawson.
F. R. S. L.

My dear Sir,

With your permission I
deem it prudent to refuse ^{making}
the decorations he asks for. Besides
the reasons in my letter ^{to him}, it would
establish a precedent. Should you
think otherwise, give them permission.

Believe me,
Yours very Respectfully

Daniel W. Wood



1870
8th Avenue
480 Grand Street

Wm. L. Lusk
Feb 10

Principal Dawson
F.R.S.L.

My dear Sir:

With your permission I
deem it prudent to refer to you
the documents created for 1860
the volume in my possession of which
I believe is a present - shall you

think otherwise, give your permission.

I believe are
Yours very respectfully

James M. Lusk

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Leicester 10 Feb. 1879

Dear Sir

I much regret that
I could not attend meeting
of to day but believe me that
I will cheerfully & gratefully
do what I can for the good
Cause & you may command
me at any time

Yrly

J. A. Perkins

Principal Danson
Mc Gill College
Leicester

Parkins
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Vestry of Eskdale Church.
Thursday, 10th Feb. 1870.

My dear Sir,

I regret that I cannot attend the meeting of Friends of the University this afternoon. My classes meet from three to six P.M.

I trust that the friends who assemble may "devise liberal things" for the extension of the work of the University.

I have read with

much satisfaction your
printed appeal, and feel
that the Citizens of Montreal
will do themselves and
our Country honor and
noble service by giving
effect to your proposals.

I shall be most happy
to do anything in my
power to further them.

Yours very truly,

S. A. Macdonald

St. Dawson
McGill Col.

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March 10 Feb 1870

My dear Sir

As important engagements
will prevent both Mr Torrance
and myself from attending
the meeting this afternoon
we wish to assure you of
our entire concurrence
in the views expressed by
you Circular as to the
importance of placing
Wills University in a
position of greater power

J. M. Dawson Esq L.L.D., F.R.S.
Vice-Chancellor.

for the interests of higher
education.

We doubt the wisdom
however of making an
appeal for pecuniary aid
at the present moment
of general depression
in commercial matters,
but should it be decided
to commence a subscription
our firm will be ready
to join.

I am, my dear Sir,

Very faithfully

Yours
The Camp

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Prockett House

Feb. 10 1870

My dear D. Dawson

I fully intended to be present at the meeting today in the interest of the McGill College but have not been able to leave the house since Friday last and am likely to be a prisoner yet for a few days longer.

I am much obliged for the pamphlet you kindly sent me and sincerely hope that the appeal now made will be liberally responded to.

With the highest respect & esteem
I remain Dear D. Dawson,

Yours very truly
John Leeming

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W. M. M.
J. W. M.
Leech Logan
W. C. M. D.

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Thursday Morning
10 Feb '70

My dear Sir

I have your note per post, also printed reminder from the V. Chancellor, of the meeting to day at the College. I have given the matter my quiet consideration, and I have come to the conclusion, that I could not go to the meeting, and "take a leading part in the proceedings" as you kindly express I should do, with any consistency, without taking also a lead in subscribing a sum of money which I am not prepared to do just now. Looking back on time, your own connection with the College looks long, but long long before you ever saw it; I was a steady & anxious friend of the McGill College, & years ago wrote serious protests against sticking the building where

where it now is under, not "a
bushel", but a Mountain - In more
modern times, I watched its
progress, and when (I think in
1854 or 5) a pecuniary effort was
made in its favour during my
absence, and I was, on account of being
absent not asked, I hastened on my
return voluntarily to join the ranks
by my subscription of £100 or £150
Later in the Shakespeare Medal
matter I jumped on the wheel &
turned the point when J. L. Terry
had stuck & the thing would have
fallen through - For years I have
I may ^{say} fought for the ornamental
trees now progressing in front, and ^{which}
should have been down 20 years
ago, but would not yet have
been down but for Jesse Joseph
and myself

Later I subscribed \$100 to your
Porter Lodge, - I do not say
that all this and much more
as to money would entitle me to
any recognition at the hands of the
College, but I trust I may not be
accused of vanity in saying that
all the antecedents of myself & my
family have been, considering our
relation to Commerce, ~~been~~ more
or less in a literary groove - our
tastes have turned that way - and
when some time ago you added
to your Governors, names which
never had a literary inclination
even, and passed me over, I did
think I was not kindly treated. I do not
refer to Peter Redpath, he is a man
no one could object to, but unless
reading the press Current, or the North
Star Gazette, I would like to know
David

William Jeffrey

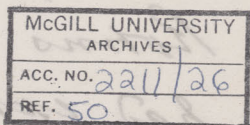
David Torrance's Claim to a
Governorship, or to any office
in Connection with Literature or
Learning - you see I am very
plain, it is my nature to be so.

And were I to go to day and
take part in the proceedings and not
myself subscribe largely, I would be
acting inconsistently - And that I never
like - I may have erroneous views &
impressions regarding the selection of
Governors &c for a University like
Wells College, but I would think
that in a mixed Community like ours
persons of liberal & indeed perhaps
Cosmopolitan sentiments, should be
gathered round the Council Board
and not devotees to some sect or
persuasion, disliking all others.

Whether or not I merit the reputation
of being liberal I won't say, but forty one
years residence here have now given it to me
I am Sir, your
Wm Jeffrey

Robt Dawson 7 3

Prof. H. H. Rousseau
February 14. 1870



My dear Sir,

During the whole
time that you have been
Principal of the M^cGill
Normal School I have on no
occasion communicated with
the Education Office on subjects
connected with our Institution
without your knowledge, and
as I have determined to see
Mr. Chauveau I think it is but
right that I should make you
acquainted with what I am
about to do, as the results may

be of a nature to interfere
with present arrangements.

The statement of Professor
Robins that Mr Chauveau
had expressed himself to the
effect that the late change
in the post of Principal
in our Normal School was
a bad one, and that the respon-
sibility must ~~be~~ rest on the
Corporation of the M^c Gill College,
is too injurious to be allowed
to pass unheeded.

The statement also made by
Professor Robins that he had
the above remarks from a
member of the Council of
Public Instruction, leads me
to the conclusion that there

is very little chance of any success
in the discharge of my heavy
duties, if a Member of that
public body and my own
colleagues are spreading reports
calculated to degrade me in
my office.

I am well aware of the
difficulty connected with my
holding a situation which you
have so ably filled for so
many years, but there is the
more need of the help & support
of those who have placed
me in my new position, and
it becomes evident to me that,
as things exist now, it would
be absurd for me to attempt
to cope with all the opposition
that surrounds me.

Professor Roberts' action in the
matter is but what his conduct
in past years might have led
me to expect, and having borne
much from him in order to keep
peace, and prevent you from
being annoyed by my complaints,
I now see that, in beginning a
new arrangement, it would be
madness on my part to endeavor
to do so any more.

Trusting that you will not come
to the conclusion that I am in any
way writing under excitement, for
I have allowed a day to elapse before
sending to you, and that you will, at
the same ^{time}, see that I am only acting
in self-defence in what I am about
to do, I remain,

My dear Sir,

Yours very truly
William Hicks

Dr Dawson
McEld College

of anything which as
friends of education or
Christian men we
would desire to accomplish.

I have given the same
advice to Prof. Weeks,
whom I saw at
the school after meeting
you.

I have stated to
you already, my belief
that if you will
cordially acquiesce in

The new arrangements,
they will ^{not} prove ~~more~~
~~detrimental to your interest~~
~~formidable to you~~

~~than you anticipate;~~

and that this is the
belief & desire of all connected
with the ^{management of the} school that
~~it should be so.~~

Further, I understand
from you that, after
the explanations I

had given, you ad-
vised ^{me} in the plans,
as the best possible
in the circumstances,

City of New York
May 10

and executed ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~me~~
all under it
~~them~~ a trial; though

~~nothing~~ ~~more~~ ~~for~~
~~me~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~
~~design~~ of the ~~present~~

memoranda ~~to~~ ~~you~~;
a ~~reference~~ ~~appreciation~~ ~~of~~ ~~that~~
~~and~~ ~~expecting~~ ~~me~~
with ~~an~~ ~~eye~~ ~~of~~ ~~gratitude~~

I ~~promote~~ ~~your~~ ~~interests~~
elsewhere, ~~as~~ ~~far~~ ~~as~~ ~~possible~~
~~in~~ ~~that~~ ~~cases~~

It is ~~clear~~ ~~however~~,

that any ~~sort~~ ~~of~~
harmful ~~or~~ ~~unprofitable~~ ~~may~~ ~~defeat~~
me ~~plans~~ ~~and~~ ~~do~~ ~~me~~
with ~~regard~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~school~~ ~~and~~
all ~~unprofitable~~ ~~without~~ ~~for~~ ~~this~~
reason ~~as~~ ~~well~~ ~~as~~ ~~for~~

~~your~~ ~~own~~ ~~substance~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~
~~interests~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~school~~ ~~with~~
which ~~we~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~so~~ ~~long~~
connected, I ~~must~~ ~~ask~~ ~~you~~ ~~not~~
currently ~~to~~ ~~repeal~~ ~~from~~ ~~anything~~

Private

Montreal, Feb. 15. 1870

My dear Dr Dawson,

I thank you for the kind consideration which prompted your letter of yesterday.

The Master's Degree given me in 1855 was an "ad eundem" - and were it a Doctor of Divinity degree I might prefer to take it in due course. As it is the "spontaneous tribute" from the University would be

Much more agreeable to
my feelings.

I am glad to see that
my old friend and Parson
Mr. Nelson has declared
himself in favor of the
new movement. I shall
not be able to get to the
meeting this afternoon having
another engagement, but
I thoroughly sympathize
with you in the effort

to increase the endowment
and have no doubt that
you will be successful.

Believe me to be,
very sincerely Yours,
Chas. Mansueti

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Dr. Brewster
July 1/70

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Ottawa Russell Hotel
18th July 1870

My dear Dr Dawson

I recd your letter &
have from Mr Baynes the
Report to His Excellency which
I have not sent as I wish
to present it to him personally
— whether he will do anything
for us I cannot say and
should not like to broach the
subject to him at present —
I recd the parcel of your pamphlet
and will give them circulation
but

but how much they will
produce (if any thing) in this
Babel is doubtful -

I am glad to see the subscription
has so good a beginning - I think
it is pretty certain that a large
sum of not all we want could
be obtained -

I have thought a good deal
about the matter of the paper
to Dr Batche - my present
feeling is that it ought to be
given - that more friends will
be lost by withholding them by
giving it but I will write as
we will confer on this matter
hereafter -

Yours

Mr. Forman showed me your
letter about the Normal School,
He saw Mr. Shawcross who
made an objection to the Committee
as interfering with his authority
but I suppose he will write
you all about it - I will see
him I have also if necessary
of this evening - I am afraid we
are to have trouble with the
Normal School -

In the subscription for the Sunday
the small subscribers must not
be forgotten I have arranged
should be made by which
then smaller sums can be
taken without setting a bad
example for the larger ones -
I

Day ~~diffy~~

I am very busy and do not
see any near terminations to
my work - Mrs Day and
Mrs Peckham join me in
Kind regards to your circle
and I remain

Yours sincerely

W D Day

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Halifax Feb 25-

Dear Mr. Dawson

I do feel ashamed to
think that it is more than a month
since I heard from you, and yet
your letter which I was delighted
to receive remains unanswered

It arose partly from my being
poorly of my time from home
but mainly because I ex-
pected the Board to meet (and
thought it as well to get their
sentences). Circumstances however
have prevented our meeting

I am happy to hear of the interest
taken on the subject by some in
Canada. and I write to say
that I will attend to the sub-
ject next week just as soon
as Mr Barnes gets the Record
out of Press We have a couple
of hundred small maps
of the Gen Beluses which will
add to the interest. Dr
Ludlow's annual Report
was also a very interesting
document but I suppose
I had better just attend

to the Exploratory Com as
suggested. We have got
an excellent proficiency to
and Mr Morley but we are
still deficient at New Beluses

I see you are moving
in the matter further College
Endowments. I wish there
was interest enough in
Dalhousie to accomplish
something similar in
Halifax.

Halifax is overcast
with gloom on account
of a missing steamer

now out 28 days. Some 40
or 50 took passage from the

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Dear

Thank

you

very

much

It

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yet

settled

but

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be

soon

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Re James Waddell will
and I think will not live
through March.

Kind regards to Mrs
Dawson. Mr & Mrs
Dawson family are well.

We are making some noise
about Mr Rand's dismissal
but I fear he will not be
restored

Yours truly
Dr Dawson
Chas M. Chever

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Quebec, Feby 26th 1870

My dear Sir

I avail my self of
the opportunity of writing a
few lines to you - By this
same mail I have despatched
the official letters to Messrs
Hicks & Robins notifying them
of their appointments & increase
of salary, & also the official
reply to Mr Baynes.

I presume the Normal School
will help you much

You will perhaps have learned that
the division of the Superior Educa-
tion money (71,000 \$) is this year
to be made between R. Catholics
and Protestants according to popula-
tion - so that the great mass of
the R. C. people of the Province
besides their larger share of the Com

Common School Money will thus get a great share of the Superior Ed. Money, since to my knowledge, many of the very numerous girls & boys schools & convents classed as Model Schools are scarcely respectable Common Schools -

In any case however, even if these Model Schools were ~~rated~~ as Common Schools, still the Prots. would have merely that which would come to them in the ratio of the two populations -

This senseless and some would say unjust mode of dividing the aid for higher Education gives to the Protestants this year only \$10,200. - about half what seems to have reached them from that fund in former years -

At my suggestion some time ago, Mr. Chauveau assented to the idea of

consulting the members of the Prot. Com-
mittee of the Council as to the distribu-
tion of what would come to the Protes-
tants - but he seemed to demur to
their exercising their judgement as
to any change in the mode of
classifying the schools, of which
there are ~~a~~ far too many on
the Model School list.

The other day Mr C. wrote to Dr Cook
& our Bishop asking them to come
to Ottawa to hold an informal
meeting of the Prot. Committee to
advise about the distribution of
the Prot. share of the money -

Both Dr C. and the Bishop (the latter
has engagements in the Eastern Town-
ships which would prevent his going)
are disinclined toward that mode
of dealing with the matter - and
Dr Cook has replied that he is
without the information necessary
to enable him to give useful advice.

I may as well now mention what I had
in view when I took up my pen to write

to you, & which was indeed my motive chief
It happens that I am no more recon-
ciled than ever to the manner in
which Mr Chauveau persists in leaving
the office arrangements here - very
unsatisfactory to me & no prospect
of improvement - and having abso-
lutely no hope that he on the part
of the French & R. Catholics will do
or grant anything to us which we
cannot extort, and as there is so
much idleness extravagance and,
as I believe, bad faith, combined with
dexterous manœuvring, that disgusts me,
I have made up my mind to get rid of
the Ed. Office as soon as I can - Mean-
while I desire to retain the positions of
Prof. Inspector of Prisons Asylums Industrial
Schools &c which I have held now for
18 months - a very important work. With
this I should like if possible (as I should have
~~felt~~ time for it) to be more permanently
connected with Morrin provided they
could pay me 750 or 800 \$ a year
as Prof. of Maths. and Lecturer on Nat
Philos &c in place of only 400 \$

which they have hitherto paid me - and which, in truth is ample compensation for the little time and attention which have been required of me.

I think I could manage the retention of my connection with the Prison Board which entails no great duty in the winter but for which the Ed. office work leaves too little time and opportunity in the summer - It is important, as it includes all matters affecting the care & education of juveniles in our Reformatories & also various protestant interests, religious instruction care of insane &c - but the emoluments allowed are too small to live upon if I held no other office bringing revenue. With seven or eight hundred dollars a year from Morrin and the allowance from Govt. as Inspector (I have two French Colleagues on that Board - I send you a copy of last year's report) I should be better satisfied than with the larger

income I now receive.

I have remained in the Ed. Office long enough to become tired of the position from its inherent deficiencies, and pained at the apathy without, on the part of those from whom I looked for useful support in my endeavours.

As regards Morrin the difficulty would be to find the means of paying even 7 or 800 dollars for the full services of a Professor of Maths. &c - but I do think it could be arranged if properly looked into & taken up - and I think I could be very useful in promoting their interests & growth - There is a class this year better than any former - & Dr. Cook talks of a female department in it - for Prof. Weare has one of 16 or 17 girls.

I think if you would consider the matter & communicate with Dr. Cook on the subject of my proposal good might come of it - I merely broached the idea very distantly. You know how anxious the Dr. is about Morrin's progress - He and I are always on the best of terms - Please excuse this lengthy epistle & believe me yours truly
J. H. Wiles

Ottawa 26th July 1870

My dear Dr Dawson

I have been so much
occupied since I recd your letter
of the 21st that I have been
unable to do anything relating to the
subject of them or even to write you
— I do not believe it is a good
plan to apply to the gentlemen
named in your letter for subscriptions
here — they are in constant contact
with all sorts of mendicancy
and much less likely to open
their hearts & purses than when
they are at home — I will however
obey

Speak to some of them on the
subject - but not to Mr Hamilton
as it is unlikely that my
going so would be of any real
benefit. Somebody else would
be more likely to succeed with
him although I doubt he goes
altogether for English Church
- Please send me up a list
of those who have already
subscribed, it may give an
impression to those to whom I may
speak on the subject -

With kind regards I remain

Yours sincerely

(A. D. Day)

C. D. Day
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McGill College,
Montreal,

Feb 1/40

Kind Judge Day,

My dear Sir,

I have received
yours of 26th ult, and
have mentioned its
contents to Mr Moffatt.
There is to be a meeting
of the Committee on Saty,
and then I hope
to be able to show
a list to send you
with the subscriptions
already given.

Mr Moffatt, Mr Cramp

and I had a long
interview to-day with
Mr H. Allan. He
stated many objections
to the college, which
are answered as well
as we could; and
finally he said he
would think of it
and send a written
answer to Mr Moffat.
He seems undecided, and
has evidently read all
the statements and
statistics given to him,

and thought of them,
but without a very
favorable impression.
Still what we said
to-day may improve
this; and I think that
if his scepticism as to
the utility of our work
could be removed, we
would do something large.
Several additional
persons are to be called
in before Saturday; and
I may mention that
Mr. Clump is taking
a great interest in the

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copy of Day
letter to
matter and making
himself very useful;
though, after our pre-
liminary meeting, he
expressed doubts as
to its being a good
time to proceed.

I have received the
official notices from Quebec
about the Normal School;
and the new appointments
are now in force. The
Committee will meet on
Thursday & receive my final
report, and make necessary
arrangements.

With all good wishes
and kind regards for all
on earth,

Yours truly
W. Dawson

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470
Ottawa 1st Mar 1870

My dear Sir

Your interview with me on Saturday satisfied me that you was right in persisting that Chauveau should give his sanction to the Committee as well as to the appointments in the Normal School.

On my arrival here last night, I saw Judge Day & Dunkin. I informed them of your views & read the letter you sent me we all agreed to see Chauveau in the morning before he left for Quebec, I tell him distinctly that unless he sanctioned the whole and placed the Committee in a position to conduct the Normal School, we would not have any thing to do with it, this was stated by Judge Day and it brought Chauveau up at once, he said you shall have it as you desire.

We then held an informal meeting

of the Council of Public Instruction but did nothing, we said we must take under consideration every school that was receiving money from the funds for higher Education before it was decided, I think that Mr Chauveau now understands that we intend to express our opinion and if he tries to act the despot he will have to take the consequences, and it was very evident that he ~~was~~^{is} not prepared to do so.

I have seen the Hon^{ble} Mr Campbell Post Master General, he said after reading the clauses of the Act, he was not sure that he could grant the request, but if he could do it for Principal Dawson he would let me know.

Yours very truly

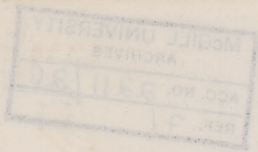
J. Ferrier

Principal Dawson

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Thursday 3 March
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My Dear Sir

I am afraid I shall not be able to be at the meeting of the Normal School today, as I have some matters to attend to that require my presence. but if from circumstances I cannot get away I shall not fail to attend. Nothing from Dr. Allan. Sir W. E. Logan has the book & was to see you before putting his name down.

Yrs truly
George Thompson

J. McRath
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Robins

March 3/70

McGill Normal School
March 3rd 1870.

Dear Sir,

While sending to you
the enclosed document I can
not refrain from saying a word
or two to you of a more im-
mediately private nature.

The enclosed protects
I did not send ~~at~~ the meeting
of Corporation at which these
changes were proposed because
you wished me to accompany
it with a statement that I
was willing to try how the scheme
would work; from the beginning
I have not charged from the
feeling then expressed that I

only want to get away, but
that I am compelled to remain
by dint of hard necessity, or
if I have at all changed it
has been by the intensifying
of this feeling. In ceasing to
speak I only abstained for a
little while that I might not
hinder your plan, & in thus
speaking again I only do it
hoping to facilitate through your
assistance my departure. I
proposed certain modifications
of the plan only with a view
to ameliorate the general scheme
in one respect, & in another to
make it possible that while
I remained I might at the
unanimous request of the teachers
of the Model School maintain
towards them the position I

had always filled. If I was
so unfortunate as to convey to
your mind either by my silence
or my words, any intimation
that I would not prefer even
an inferior position elsewhere
to any thing the Normal School
could now offer me I am very
sorry. For my feeling throughout
has been that I have been
sacrificed to I know not
what considerations or policy.

You have conveyed on two oc-
casions to me by implication
the threat that if I want to
leave now neither yourself nor
the College authorities would help
me. I am I have been deeply
grieved at this for it seems to
me very hard that those whom
I have tried so faithfully to

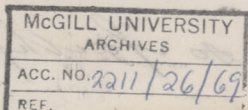
serve should so cast me off

When I remember what I have lost in Lower Canada & contrast the position I now occupy with that which I had when I came I must say with a bitterness that you cannot understand unless you remember how heartily I have devoted myself to the Normal School I wish I had never seen Lower Canada.

I have before asked from you a testimonial to my character as a teacher in this institution I must again ask for it as I wish to make immediate use of it if favourable

D. Dawson.

Yours sincerely
D. Dawson



McGill University,

Montreal, March 3, 1880.

My dear Sir,

As you ask that on
occasion of my resigning the Principalship
of the McGill Normal School, I should
express my estimation of your services,
I can only say that for the past
~~several~~ ^{years} I have had occasion to
be ~~perfectly~~ ^{intimately} acquainted with your work
as Professor of Mathematics and other
subjects in the Normal School, and also
in the arrangement and direction of
the Model Schools; and that I have
had every reason to be perfectly satis-
fied with your diligence, ability
and sweep, as well as with your
conscientious performance of duty.

Allow me to add the hope
that the changes which have ac-
curred may not in any respect im-
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fare with the comfortable discharge
of the duties which you have
so long and so efficiently performed;
and that it is my earnest desire,
as I am sure it is that of all
connected with the school, that
you may long remain one of
its officers.

Sincerely yours

J. Dawson

Superintendent,
Michigan Normal School

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McGill University,

Montreal, Feb 7 1867

My dear Sir

As you ask that in
 occasion of my resigning the Presidency
 of the ^{McGill} ~~McGill~~ ^{College} ~~College~~ I should express my
 estimate of you I deem I can
 say that of the past twelve
 years I have had occasion to see
 many represented with you and
 I have been with you for some
 time the evening of which I
 met you and that you have
 the only way to be kept in
 the present and I am
 then capable and able to
 even represent you in respect

Allow me to add that
 I trust hope that the new
 arrangements which must be
 made in the school will

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When my report was
sent the committee
The club purchased by
purpose and that
my system in
the school

Colby
School
Boston

Office Board of Trade,

Montreal 25th March, 1870.

Principal Dawson,

My Dear Sir,

I ought before this to have acknowledged your note of 5th inst. relative to Immigrants from Gt. Britain. Previously to receiving it I had had some conversation on that subject with Alderman Alexander. We coincide in thinking that there is imminent danger of inevitable Immigrants coming to Canada, under the auspices of Immigration Societies. I am of opinion that you could do more to give a proper direction to efforts there, than any parties merely interested in getting people sent out of the mother-country, - and suggest that you allow me to arrange with Mr. A. to call upon you for the purpose of conferring views

I am, My Dear Sir,

Very cordially

Wm. J. Patterson,

McGill College,

Montreal.

March 26/80

My dear Sir,

I have requested
the Secretary of the University
to send to the Rector
and to yourself and
Sant-Picard copies of
our circular inviting
our friends to the
meeting of Convocation
for the conferring of
Medieval degrees on
Thursday next at 3
P.M. I am yours

You that the College
authorities and the
jury men who are
to receive degrees will
~~regard it as a high~~
~~be much gratified~~
~~compliment of the~~
Royal Highness will
know us with his
presence on the day
as a spectator.

The merits of
ours will be very
I leave the liberty
of printing to the law

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recollections of the
and all the things
from the time to
the day before
up.

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Copy of
Alphabetical
List of

Rose-Mount,

Montreal.

27. March 1870

Dear Professor Dawson

I am desired by
W. R. H. Price to attend to say that
he will attend at the ceremony
of foundation on Thursday the
31st, on the occasion of conferring
the degrees. - His Royal Highness
will be at the College at a little

Sept 3 P. M. -

Yrs Faithfully
J. W. Winstone

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Saint John, New Brunswick,

Mar. 28. 1870.

J. W. Dawson, Esq.,

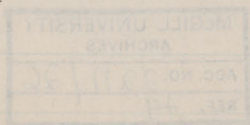
Sir.

I am desirous of securing a copy of the Annual Circular of McGill College, both of the Literary and Medical departments, and, not knowing the proper officer to make application to, take the liberty asking it through you.

If you could favor me with them it you would much oblige—

Your obed^t servant,

J. L. Bacon,
P. O. Box, 535.



L. Bacon
M.D.

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McGill Normal School,

Montreal, March 29. 1870

My dear Sir,

Be so kind as
to read word whether at any
one of our Monthly Meetings
it was decided that the
Annual Meeting of the
Library Association of the
Normal School was not
to be held this year.

And, also, whether I was
directed by yourself to state

The same to the Members of
that Association

I am, My dear Sir,

Yours truly

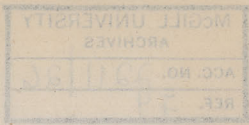
William Hicks

St Dawson

St John College

P.S.

The impression on my mind
is, that the students were
to be informed, that of any
preparation for the meeting
was likely to interfere with
their studies, it had better not
be told.



The point is, did you authentically
accept me, for the holding
of the Annual Meeting of the
Members of the Library Association?

There is nothing on the subject in
your book.

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Prof. Vicks
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Principal Dawson.

Dear Sir, I send by bearer the
Proof sheets you gave me to look
over. — With regard to the Scholarships,
as I said to you before, I will be content
with any distribution of them you may
make; satisfied that it will be for
the greatest good.

Education being your specialty,
your judgment in all such matters
will be superior to mine.

Yours very truly
W. C. McDonald

W. C. McDonald
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McGill College,
Montreal,

31 March 1870.

My Dear Mr Dawson -

Please bear with me if I add
to your already too heavy burden of affairs, a
very delicate & confidential work for a worthy
brother.... & a common friend....

The Rev. Mr Isaac Kemp, now at
Windsor, Ontario, Prov. is, you know it,
neglected, & all most just hors de combat,
in Canada.... Though he is a man of great
ability, & more than commonly versed
in many branches of our Modern Sciences.
He is now invited to accept a professorship
in one of the best colleges of Michigan,
U. S. but before going there, it would
add more to his chances of success, & add
to the consideration he deserves, if he
you ~~see~~ would confer him the degree

✓ L. L. D. and I ask ^{+ from} you that
favour for the noble ^{+ friends} hearts
to whom, after God, I owe every
thing in this world...

If you can do that, you will
do me a favour for which I will
be for ever grateful.

Believe me your
for ever devoted
friend

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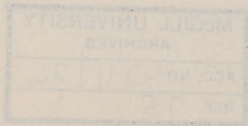
Friday afternoon
Dear Sir

I don't forget to send
an invitation for
Thursday to the Vice

Pres

Wm W. Chapman

Principal Dawson



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Chas. A. C.

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Wm. L. Garrison



My dear Doctor Johnson

I have seen Drs
Howard and McCallum since
I saw you, and they are
quite willing with the ex-
planations I made, to
consider the resolution
of the Faculty. I think
all the others will be
easily talked over,

So that unless it is quite
convenient for you to come
a few minutes before three
tomorrow, I think I will
be able to get the decision
changed without you.

I have not been out even
to visit a patient in the
morning since my illness,

And still feel very puffing
and short winded, so that
I hope you will excuse my
making my appearance
at your house tonight

Yours very truly
G. W. Humphreys

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D Campbell
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McGill University,

Montreal, April 1, 1882

My dear Sir,

The subject of your father's degree was mentioned by Dr. Seach at a late meeting of the Faculty of Arts and he has to inform you as to the conditions. I have placed your letter in his hands and he will no doubt attend to it.

I may mention that the granting of degrees of Hon. in course will be in order at the meeting of September in the end of this month; but Dr. Seach will inform you fully as to this.

Very yours
W. Dawson

1/ Page Butler &
Drummondville 3

STANDARD

My dear Sir,

~~any one would expect it as by~~
~~my best~~ I fear a fine for the
 I would esteem it a high honor
 to be called by you a peer as
 that of the whole in the
 face of a present - all your
 attempts to pass the bill of
 my by amendments - you occupy
 the rest of us Paper but also us
 people in which upon various
 my myself amendments and
 at the point in regard with the
 whose large subjects in subjects
 and the end of our work. You
 will remember that in the amendments
 I could not avoid to be by us
 pointing to our work as one of
 noble men -

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Montreal April 5th

Dr Dawson

Sir

Hearing that you
are about leaving the city, I beg
to ask your advice about a matter
of great importance to myself.
Seven years ago I was a pupil
teacher in the McGill Normal
School and received an Elementary
Diploma, before entering on the
course I promised you I would
teach at least three years in
some school in Lower Canada.

that oath I have never kept, for when
I left school it was difficult to
find a situation and I was obliged
to do some thing for a living shortly
afterwards I entered Mr Lovell's
printing office and have been there
for six years, now I feel I am
not competent or suited for a
teacher, but still I feel very uneasy
about it, I feel as if my whole
life were a lie and that I should
keep my promise at all risks, so
now if it were possible I should
like you to release me from my
promise so that I may have
a quiet conscience, I am
anxious to do just what is

right, and if you think I had better go and

right. and if you think I had better go and
back I will try and procure a situation
but I am afraid I am sadly deficient in all
the particulars, for I think it was by the worst
chance I got a Diploma at all. Hoping you
will be so kind as to give me your advice

I remain yours respectfully

Edm. Hancock

Harvard
Sept 18

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Dear Sir,

The terms of the
official ^{announcements of my} appointments vary.
In one it is said "in ad-
dition to your other duties"
&c. I think this may
be fairly interpreted "Assoc-
iate Professor". If so I
would rather separate the
two, as it will facilitate
the resignation of a part of
my duties without resigning
the whole, & keep up a de-
sirable distinction between
the Natural History & other
subjects. Yours truly
D. Dawson. H. H. Dewar

Adrian
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Ottawa.

6th April /70.

Dear Dr. Dawson

Christopher cannot get a moment for writing letters, but he bears in mind what you write to him & will do all he can to carry out your views you may be quite sure as regards the College. Through Mr. Perren we hear frequently of you. And your letter of the 2nd to Christopher I have just read & learn from it that your dear wife is going to England with you! I am so glad. I knew that you were going, but had not heard that she was to accompany you. I think the trip will do her so much good, & I hope she will take care that no one tempts you away from Mr. Gill. You will now know, dear Dr. Dawson, how

much good you have done
in Montreal. But we who
know what Montreal society
used to be, know how much
you & Mrs Dawson have done
to elevate it, besides all you
have done for the College. I
could not write more warmly
than I feel on this subject I
inform you. And I feel most
grateful that you were sent
among us, & trust that you
will not leave Mr Gill; for I
cannot think that anywhere else
you could do as much good as
you are doing there.

Dear Mrs Dawson I think
has never been back to Scotland since
she left. And yet I may be mis-
taken in thinking so. But it will
give her great pleasure to see her
sisters again, & her native country.

C. Drinker
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McGill College
Montreal
Canada
April 7th 1870

Gentlemen

Herewith send
you back, according to promise,
certain instruments sent
here by mistake along
with the Apparatus ordered
for the College in 1867

viz

A dipping-needle

& Dovetail piece, slides &c

& Syringe

I am, Gentlemen

Your obed^t serv^t

Alexander Johnson

Mess^{rs} Elliott, Brothers

Opticians

44 Strand,

London,

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Letter
Johnston
& Elliott

Dr. W. H. ...
...
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Montreal April 8th - 1870

Dear Sir,

I infer from your statements in regard to the wants of McGill College, and the good prospect there seems to be that the means will be provided where-with to supply those wants, that a Professorship of Agriculture will probably be founded, before long, by the Board of Governors. —

I beg to say, that, if this inference be correct, I should very much like to be the Professor. In fact, the probability of such a step being taken no sooner occurred to me, than I concluded that this would be just the post for me; and I also resolved to use all lawful endeavours
(over)

to obtain it. —

Not to occupy too much of your
time, I will merely, at this time,
suggest a few considerations
which appear to me to recommend
me as a candidate ^{for the} position re-
ferred to. —

In the first place, I have for
a number of years - ever since I was
old enough to think seriously about
anything - taken a very deep interest
(amounting even to enthusiasm) in the
subject of agriculture, and have long
for an opportunity to make it a sub-
ject of special study; and some
two years ago I resolved that as soon
as a favourable opportunity offered,
I would enter upon the study and
pursuit of agriculture, with a view
of making it my life work.

In the second place, my earlier ten

associations are connected with agricultural pursuits, as I was brought up on a Canadian farm, and acquired a practical knowledge of the ordinary operations of the farm, under the superintendence of one who was gifted with as large a share of good sense and sound judgment as any man I ever knew — my own father.

The third consideration is that since I left College, and particularly since I became connected with the Geological Survey, I have had extensive opportunities of observing the actual state of agriculture in different portions of Canada, from the most highly cultivated parts of Ontario, to the poorest habitant settlements among the Notre Dame Mountains.

During the coming summer, I intend to prosecute, systematically, the

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The Rectory
Hartford
April 27/20

Dear Dr Dawson,
I have not
been in London
since my mother's
arrival and so
had no opportunity
of calling & thank

You for your very
kind attentions &

her on the journey.

Will Canterbury and
one of the most charm-
ing villages of Kent
not tempt you away
from Ipswich for a
day or two? I need
not say how glad
we should all be

I see you & Mrs. Dowson
& that I trust you
will be able to join us
the visit before I leave
the Rectory at the end
of next month.

My Mother tells me
that you spoke of seeking
a fit person for a
new chair at Mill.
Is it an impertinent
supposition to make

That this is the chair
of Natural Philosophy,
which I understand, my
brother Peter desires to
succeed? and if so, may
I offer the obvious sug-
gestion of John Stephenson's
name, although I do not
know in the least whether
he could take it if of-
fered. He is at present
a candidate I believe,
for the Matt^r-prebendary
at London University
held by Demorgan & Hirst

but they will probably
work on older &
more experienced men.

He was a High School
boy to begin with; whether
he entered McMill or
not I don't know, went
to Cambridge & read with
Todhunter a short time
before entering, came
out 8th Wrangler & just
received his fellowship
^{at Trinity}
through his attorney's
of Greek relation, be-

Came Professor of
Mathematics at the
University of Calcutta,
Came home after two
years service & read
for the bar, but success
then not coming fast
enough for his slender
purse returned to his
first love, took a
temporary readership,
at Honor, married

It is now Macowberising
in London. His certificates
from Cambridge, Honors
Guernsey & Calcutta
(when he published a
treatise on Mechanics)
are first rate. He is
a man of immense
vigour of mind and a
good teacher, at the
same time surly &
eccentric in manner
given perhaps to *εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν*

of that to take on the
opposite side & hypocrisy

You may judge my
sincerity in promising
him by the fact that if
I go to Canada, I
lose the presence of
a very valued friend.

His address is

112 Belsize Road

Kilburn

N.W.

Hoping that you will be
successful in all the
stretches of your visit and at
the least have a pleasant
holiday behind me your very truly

G. D. Redpath.

Rev. G. D. Redpath

My dear A

Mr Baynes has commented
on my criticism for grounds of the House
of Commons with regard to a point
of law - I as I suppose he has a
number of similar requests to
be made and it is that you will
specify upon this as many a Council
minutes but as a paper in any way
the feeling of the House will be
of ~~the House of Commons~~ ^{of the House of Commons} and which will be
the ~~House of Commons~~ ^{House of Commons} be ~~trapped~~ ^{trapped} in the position

(2) That which I expect will be
stated in your letter to the House of Commons
that any receipt should cause the
bill ^{to be} applied ^{to} ^{the} ^{case} ^{and} ^I
hope that before the change in
circumstances actually occurs we
except the revenues of the
House may be a bit ^{of} ^{the} ^{House}
to ^{be} ^{able} ^{to} ^{take} ^{the}
bill ^{and} ^{will} ^{be} ^{able} ^{to}
details of the case, ~~for the~~ ^{for the}
see ~~that~~ ^{that}

I shall hope to see you at the
end of the week the note in the
House of Commons will be of help
to you in the matter.

I am sure is the paper that it shall
be very ^{of} ^{the} ^{House} ^{of} ^{Commons} ^{and} ^{will} ^{be} ^{able} ^{to}
and if clear that you should still
be ^{able} ^{to} ^{take} ^{the} ^{bill} ^{and} ^{will} ^{be} ^{able} ^{to}
the ^{House} ^{of} ^{Commons},

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Beant office*

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May 10

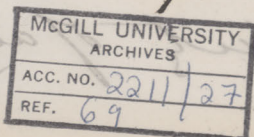
McGill College
Montreal
May 13 1870

My dear Sir

I think it right
to send you the following
extract from a note
which I received this
week from Mr. Hume -

"You have entirely
mistaken my meaning
if you understood me
as expressing any intention
of becoming a "propagandist"
of unusual views if
appointed Professor in
your College. Of course
it would be the most
imperative duty of any

man accepting such a post
to take no unfair advantage
of his official connection
with the students for any
such purpose and to
refrain from any step
that wd injure the University.
I was merely supposing the
case of a man in ordinary
conversation with friends
or acquaintances stating
what his views were or his
reasons for holding them
if the occasion happened
naturally to lead to it
without any special
injunctious to secrecy
expressed or understood."



He then proceeds to say that so far is he from any tendency to propagandism that several of his relatives, living in the same house with him for years were unaware of his holding any peculiar views —

He disclaims any sympathy with "Colenso & Co." or ~~the~~ High Churchism (I had referred to these two extremes).

He puts me in a rather awkward position by saying that he had written to me "in confidence" and so of course, it would follow that I ought not to have shown you his letter — I intend to

reply to him, that, ^{in the first place} if he had
so intended it, he ought
to have mentioned the fact
seeing that I was personally
unacquainted with him.
and could not expect
"Confidences" from a stranger.
and that in the second place
it would have been wrong
under the circumstances
to have put me in a
position where it was possible
that I might be obliged
to choose between the alternatives,
either to betray his Confidence
or to disregard my duty
to the College. As it turns
out, the matter is not of
so much importance as
it looked at first.

I send a paper containing
a paragraph on the Scholastic
with regards to Mrs Dawson
& George Believe me

Princpal Dawson

yours truly
Alexander Johnson

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McGill College
Montreal
May 19th 1870

My dear Sir

I have been very much pleased to hear of the honour the Royal Society have done you. I was aware of the Royal Institution lecture before.

Certainly you have a busy time of it in London but it must be a pleasant one where honours are heaped thick upon you in this fashion.

The most surprising piece of news I have for you is that the late Mr Hugh Fraser who died on Sunday last has left

The greater part of his fortune
to found a "Free Library"
in Montreal; Judge Corne
and the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott
being the Trustees for this
purpose. The amount
is variously estimated at
from \$100,000 to \$200,000.
No details are yet known
generally. If I should hear
any before the mail leaves
I will give them at the
end of this letter.

This is an excellent legacy
for the city and for all of
us as residents of it, but
I am afraid it will kill
our B. Club, and so hurt
the College Library. Have
you heard yet (I don't think
I mentioned it) that Mr
Gibson's retiring pension

(\$400) will fall on the College funds. He (Mr G) has found the letter by which the Governors unintentionally pledged themselves in such a way that, I believe the College is bound by it.

This will be rather a deduction from the value of the High School sale. However to counterbalance it, the loss on the Government grant this year is not so great as we expected. ^{a sum of} \$800 only (instead of the \$1200 we feared) has been stoppe d.

Nothing has been done about the Medical building yet. The Faculty I think want the College to pay a considerable sum to the

building fund, and this the
governors (very properly to
my mind) refuse to do.

Mr Cornish is going to
England next week to procure
a successor to Dr Wilkes for
the Lion Church. Mr Cornish
and son go with him.

I leave two or three days
afterwards for Metis.

I received a couple of days
ago an invoice of the "induction
Coil" I had ordered from
Reichm Korff (Paris). It is
probable that the coil is on
board the steamer now in the
harbour.

The School Examination
has been finished at last
and your son comes
out at the head. There
was a close contest between

Monmouth May 17th

"Addenda" has been
printed off I am happy
to say.

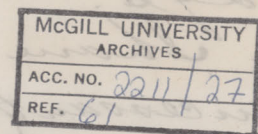
May 20th

Last night I had the satisfaction
of revising some of the Calendar
last, viz - the Benefactors list.

To-day's Witness which
accompanies this contains
the latest news that I have
learned concerning the
Fraser Bequest.

With best regards to Mrs
Dawson & George
Believe me

Your so sincere
Alexander Thomson



Principal Dawson Esq.

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him and young Taylor
but your son's superiority
in Mathematics won
the day. He answered
me remarkably well
and I entertain high
hopes of his success in
College.

The paragraph in the
papers seems to have drawn
more attention than the
advertisements to the
new Scholarships. Mr
Baynes has had a letter
from a man in Ontario
wanting to know the conditions
of entering with us from
another University.

Professor Weis has also
written to Mr Cornish from
Quebec inquiring whether

Candidates from Morrin
if successful could
continue to study at
Morrin. Of course the
answer is No!

The Protestant Commissioners
are going to build a
Preparatory School on the
front of the High School
play-ground - having on
a dead brick wall (no
windows) at the back -
and having no communication
with the play-ground.
The teachers in this will be
women under the direction
of a head master - I
had heard Robins suggested
for the latter position, but
I should doubt his taking it.

The play-ground will hardly
be diminished in size, for
the out houses at present
in existence are to be
thrown down - and better
arrangements made by
which the greater part
of the space they occupy
will be added to the play-
ground - Nothing further
that I am aware of ~~has~~
been done in the matter
of the Endowment fund.

I find Beckett terribly
slow with the Calendar.

I have not yet received
a single proof of the

Calendar part "part excellenc^e"
which was put in his days
nearly three weeks ago.

Mr Cornish ~~and~~ I have
had to worry him incessantly
to get the part which has been
done, set up. But the

Melton House.

New West End.

Hampstead.

May 25th

1870

My dear Sir

Since writing, I ask you
to give me the pleasure of
your company at dinner
on June 1st. I find that
I am compelled to be absent
from town that day &
must therefore postpone
his pleasure till the
following week - May I
therefore ask you to fix

either ~~Sunday~~ Wednesday
the 8th or Thursday
the 9th whichever day suits
you best - so that I may
ask other friends to meet you.

I am dear Sir

Respectfully
yours

Edw. Lauderston

A. Saukerte
May 1898

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Montreal
May 28th 1840

My dear Sir

As I am just winding up matters here preparatory to my departure for the Country, this will probably be the last letter you will get from me. I gave Beckett the last revised proof of the part of the Calendar under my charge this morning. Mr Cornish has given his part so that the rest of the matter (binding &c) depends on Beckett. His establishment is provokingly slow. Mr & Mrs Cornish with their little boy went off last night for England.

But the main object of my writing this letter is to make a suggestion concerning the Medical Building. I believe nothing will be done in it ^{this} summer, in consequence of the financial difficulty. The estimate for the building is \$26,000 which is \$6,000 more than the Faculty are prepared to give. Now my idea is this. Offer them the whole of the Eastern Wing of the College (including your house and Mr. Conish's) in exchange for the Cote St buildings, and let them fit it up for themselves at their own expense. Of course the Eastern Wing will have to be practically gutted (throwing two stories into one)

but I suppose it can be fitted up for \$6000. The interest on this will be \$360 amounting to \$40 yearly for each Professor. This is certainly practicable for the Medical Faculty. The Chemical Laboratory is already fitted up for them, so the expense for that will be saved. Then as regards the College, the money which it will obtain for Cote St will go a long way towards building a house for you on Sherbrooke St and another for resident students. Judge Day said recently to Mr Baynes that he would not be content until residences had been built for the Professors - My suggestion will fall in perfectly with this. A general

plan can be drawn up for a row of such houses on Sherbrooke St, and it can be filled in as funds admit, commencing with the houses I have mentioned. Then again it is quite clear that we must soon take part of Mr Baynes' house for our Faculty - We want immediately a waiting room for students, and Mr Baynes wants an office. This will involve the necessity of taking all his house, and building one for him including an office on Sherbrooke St.

The proposed position will obviate all objections made by neighbouring proprietors to the removal ^{of med. Fac.} to the College grounds. As regards ourselves it is easy to prevent ^{too close} communication between the Arts & Medical Students. The only room they

will want in Common will be
The Chemical Laboratory.
and an entrance into it can
easily be made from your
present house. The Medical
Students can all be obliged
to come up University St
by putting a handsome
ornamental iron gate-way
at the corner of your house
across the road - a similar
one being for uniformity sake
put up at the other wing.

The Medical Faculty will
have the advantage of two
entrances to their building,
one from the University St
and the other from the
back at the Water-works,
where a road can easily
be made.

I need not dwell upon
the "solidarity" (to use a
modern word) which will
be given to the University by
hearing all the lectures of
the two Faculties in the one
building. The risk of
fire will also be greatly
diminished when there
are no residences in the
building.

I suppose you have
heard all the news about
this Penian business by
this time. There is no need
for me to say anything
about it. It has been
remarkable good fortune

That no one was killed or
wounded on our side so
far as has yet been learned.

I saw all your family
here (except William) to-day
out walking and looking
remarkably. Anna was
of opinion that the "regulars"
to do all the fighting, as
it was their business to
be shot, if occasion
required.

With regards
to Mrs Dawson & George

Believe me

Yours truly

Alexander Johnson

P. S. Mr John Frothingham (the
Governor) a notice of whose death you
may have seen has left \$5000
to the college by will - (five thousand
dollars.)

St John's
Newfoundland
June 8th 1870.

Dear Doctor,

I have decided on sending my two eldest boys to Mc Gill College next session. The eldest is just sixteen - the other a year and a half younger. Last year they attended Dalhousie College Halifax and passed the examina-

Acious creditably.
I presume this year
would not count
in McGill, nor per-
haps would it be
desirable to enter
them as second year
students if it
could be done, ^{as they are so young.} For
one of them, a lady
in Montreal has
offered me a "presen-
tation scholarship".
I should be glad
if I could obtain
another for the
second boy as my
means are rather
limited. The eldest

might compete for
an "Exhibition" but
I fear his training
in our poor Academy
here would not
qualify him to Con-
test the thing with
those trained in your
superior schools.
Both my boys have
very fair natural
abilities, and are
studious.

Would you be so
kind as let me
know, by return
mail, what is the
usual rate of
boarding for

Students, ^{Harvey Jones} and
what you consid-
er the most de-
sirable place -
Do you receive
boarders in the
College? A reply
will greatly oblige.

Very truly yours

M Harvey

Free Church Manse.

Sent calendar &
answered about boarding
houses

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"Crown Buildings."

June 9th 1870

Dear Sir your letter of this morning is heard.
The parcels for Wyll College have not
yet reached us but will have our
best attention when they do.

We note your order for Hurdley's
lectures to be sent to Miss Dawson.

The three copies of
"Archæia" we hope to send you on Monday
when we are promised copies from
the binder

We are
Dear Yours truly

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June 20 1870

*Dear Sir
 I have the pleasure to inform you that
 the parcel for the College has not
 yet reached us but will have our
 best attention when they do
 We will give you our best
 attention also for the same
 The three copies of
 "Lectures" which we are
 returning are our
 the number
 We are
 Yours truly
 T. Low
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The only book on our local
geology, ^{that I can hear of} is Hugh Miller's
"Edinburgh & its neighbourhood
Geological & Historical, with the
"Geology of the Bass Rock," price
5/- published by Remond. This
book you are no doubt acquainted
with

I am

My dear Sir

Yours truly

John Boyd

Principal Dawson

41 Silmore Place

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17th June 1870

My dear Dr. Dawson,

As you have decided on re-
-maining till after the 1st of July this
letter will meet you before you leave.

I shall direct it to Mr Dawson, as
should you have left Edinburgh she will
know where to forward it - I enclose
a Bill of Exchange for £50. by accor-
-ding to your direction & give the balance

to Mr & William. I have sent special
notices for the Annual School Com^{tee}
meeting on the 22nd and shall secure a
quorum for any work that may be needed.

I sent by express yesterday 54 Misses
Diplomas for Mr. Thaw's and his
signature and am arranging to have
all ready for their close - You have
fixed the wrong day in the calendar
for the breaking up of the School as it is

a great Roman Catholic Holiday
The 29th; I shall get the High School
to break up on the 29th and put off
the Normal School to Thursday 30th.
There are many rumours about the
Normal School & possible changes,
first I hear the Council have proposed
to give Mr. Hicks the place that Mr. [unclear]
has, & make Robins Principal, for it truly
appears there is a good deal of outside
surprise that he was not Principal
& his friends are active. Secondly
I know that he had a good offer from
Upper Canada, and that he is holding
back on account of this ministerial
rumour - then if 3rd of the Council
could see a chance of his going
away from Montreal they will in the

all probably offer their their separate
students plan of all their schools, & the
had mastery of the new Preparatory
School which is now building in the
place ground with a 75 feet front on
University Street & 22 rear on the play ground
good base rent accommodation for
Porter Cloak room furnace, Coal & water
Mills, Closets - Nothing however has been seen
to it traced at in the town meeting my information
is quite outside our Office -
As regards the Medical School it is
just were it was, the Professor want
something that is to eclipse anything
that has come before or shall follow
after and the four now are determined
not to give a penny more than \$5000
less, but look straight. There have been
some suggestions to let them have
the East Way & put our two residences

with an office & Law having Rooms
Council Chamber & Courts on Shutehouse
Street in this case they think of having
a design for all the buildings on the
Western side looking into the Park with
banks on Josephs, the office & Public
Lecture Rooms joining a gable on
Shutehouse Street. but nothing is likely
to be done or settled till after your
return, & this you need not hurry
for the season is dreadfully hot a
regular old fashioned Canadian June
& all our country M^{rs} & escape
in July so that you would not return
for hot weather and wear out your
so I hope you will not make up
your mind to have a good long holiday
which you need & will do you
a world of good & well this is nothing

in July to be done - I made a sale
of my Townill Lots and Records al-
most all my lost interest, much
to the satisfaction of the Estate Com-
-mittee, we laid £2000. on the houses
who credit there on - our interest began
A fine poor Mr. Dennis has felt the
death of his son very deeply and there
is a great change in him but I hope
if he gets down into the County he
may rally. - I read parts of your letters
to the Governors & they very truly say
that if you don't succeed in England
in obtaining help it will be no fault of
Yours but they do not expect more of
Mr. Rose in England than in Canada -
You will have seen that the Canada
attack by the Senecas has ended in
a very decided defeat - which has

put an end for some years at
least to this illustrious Sub. Plot.
Alfred was out at the regiments
at ~~Miss~~ ^{Miss} ~~Whys~~ ^{Whys} as Cap. & Adjutant
of the M & Y. & being wounded he was
Col Bayets A.D.C. for the East Wing,
although it was a place of honor it was
one of danger but the Lord preserved
him. My George married on the 14th
and returns from Lubeu on Saturday
& I think leaves for the West about the
end of the month. I had a very nice
visit from Prof. Weir from Marine
he called to ask whether their men in
the respective years can compete for
the Exhibitions & Scholarships, and con-
tinue on in their own Colleges, he
said that Dr. Cook & himself both

think that the wording of the Terms
for Competition admit a College wh.
like Monin may be said to be a part
of our own org in another locality, he
adds that as no Student comes from
the Country, and it is only the Quebec Pro-
testant youth that then secures a ^{proper}
claim. he cites a very interesting
example in M^r. J McKeuzie who gra-
duated from Monin in 1869 he read
up the subjects for the Felchmisterho-
lunships and went to London University
and was 5th in the list obtaining it
with great éclat, Lord Gower wrote
a very complimentary letter about
it - This young man was educated at
the first at the High School of Quebec
then at this College and they very
properly remark that what was at
the time a favour conferred on a
poor Boy had been richly repaid
in the honor of giving Monin the

Buznes June 70

claiming a distinction to the deed,
 as for one obtained it in 1848. All this
 appears that if the design is to give a
 Stimulant to the youth of the Province
 it is certainly more obtained by the encour-
 agement of the young men whose circum-
 stances & means might render it
 impossible to leave Quebec & Richmond,
 and it would certainly attract your offi-
 cial & Collyer very closely before and there
 a noble generous & impartial dis-
 tinction of scholastic rewards, which
 now close as its getting late in
 the afternoon - A friend of mine
 Mr. Hogue is going to England by this
 mail Steam & I have sent you
 the first dozen Calendars I have
 received this way. With our united
 kind regards Believe me My dear
 Dr. Dawson Very truly Yours
 Wm. Buznes
 I will see to the boxes of Fossels -

Tweeddale Court.
Edinburgh 24th June 1870

My dear Sir

I should have called your
attention to the fact that the
College Arms have the inscription
Mc Gill University, Montreal
while the address is
Mc Gill College, Montreal.

This I presume is intentional?

also I think you mean
that both the Arms and the
address be printed on the
note paper.

Yours truly

John Boyd

Principal Dawson

Wm
July 20

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To the Honorable Secy -
July 13 - 1874

My dear Principal
Dawson

I am pleased
to read the
degree of ch. A.
is complete,
but I will cause
search to be
made. At the
time you got
your degree

personal atten-
dance was
dispensed with
I believe such
is never the
case now.
I think the
new Bill
deprived us
of the power
of confering degrees
in absence
at any rate
we have

Sold, such to be
the fact. This
way stand in
the way of the
Society of the
but I will take
care to put
that matter in
hand without
loss of time
be me or two
cases we have
resolved to
employ a regular
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in India

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could not be
actually con-
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John
Lawrence
M. Kelland

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MERCHISTON

Edin^g

27th July, 1870.

My dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce
my friend the Rev. Geo. G. Hutton
of Paisley, who will be glad to
have the advantage of your kind
counsel in seeing what ~~it~~ is
most important in Montreal and
elsewhere.

I hope you may have

a satisfactory appointment for
the Assistant Professorship of
Mental Philosophy. Since Lindsay
declines, I think you would
be well with Forbes.

I am, my dear Sir,
Yours very sincerely,

H. C. Alderson.

Principal Dawson

McGill College,

Montreal.

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WORLD UNIVERSITY
ADDRESS
1000 W. 10TH ST.
WYOMING

Culbertson
Sept 11/98

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Godrich Ont.
Aug. 18th 1850

Prof Dawson
Sir

I take the liberty
of writing you (as I do not know if your
College is exclusively for gentlemen)
being in want of a situation, and
thinking you might know of a
situation. I enclose for your
inspection copies of testimon-
ials from gentlemen in whose
institutions I have taught, also
from private persons whose
daughters have been under my
instruction. Can teach the higher
English, French, Music, Drawing,
Water-color, and Oil Painting,
and the Primary Department
in Latin if required, I am

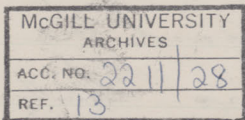
A native of Scotland, and
have had considerable experi-
ence as a Teacher.

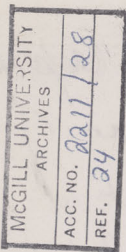
I also beg leave to refer you
to the Rev. Mr. Geddes, Minister
of Hamilton.

I would esteem it a favor
to have an early reply, for
which please find a stamp
enclosed.

Very Respectfully your obed^t

Amelia J. Walker





Courtesy Angus
Aug 19. 1870

Dear Sir,

Your letter announcing
the likelihood of my being appointed
Assistant - Professor of Logic
and Moral Philosophy in the Mc-
Gill College, Montreal came to hand
yesterday. And I have very sin-
cerely to thank you for so promptly
conveying me the news. The
week or two thus gained for
preparation will be of the greatest
value. When I can begin work
I cannot of course positively say
as yet; but it will be my
endeavour to put the University at

As little convenience in that respect
as possible. Understood in one of
my interviews with you that it
is not imperative to be in Montreal
at the very opening of the Session
but that it would be regarded
as sufficient if the work of
the Claps were commenced
in the beginning of October.

Let me here explain that your
first letter mentioned as the one
I have received has not yet
reached me. And I do not yet
know the date of its reaching

Edinburgh. It has been sent on
to a place in the Perthshire high-
lands where I was staying up to
yesterday and ought to have been

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delivered to me then along with
your second letter. I expect to have
it tonight however, but I suppose
the hints in it regarding papers
&c. for which let me thank
you very much, are substantially
repeated in the letter I have got

There are two things which
I should like to be more well
understood by the Board of Governors
in regard to the appointment which
you hold out the hope will be
made in my favour and which
have already come to definite
words between us. One is that
"Assistant-Professorship" does not
imply being responsible to the present
professor; and the other, that it

includes the Contingent Succession to
the full professorship without a
fresh Candidature. The terms of
tenure of office in general don't
yet understand very clearly. They
seem a little indefinite in any be-
preparation for them that I have heard
yet. But I am perfectly content
with whatever guarantee for reasonable
stability of position is afforded by
the Constitution and usage of a
great public institution like the
McGill University.

Thank you very heartily for
the kindly expressions with which
your note concludes. I do
sincerely hope, if the Board of
Governors choose me for this office,

Not to do discuss to their
Choice. I feel much reliance on
your own kindness and courtesy
for getting the inevitable difficulties
of the beginning smoothed away,
and must ask the benefit of
them too in the shape of indulgence
for the equally inevitable defects.

Remain with much respect,

Very truly yours

George Forbes.

Principal Dawson.

St. Louis
Mo. 1870

Office of the New York Life Insurance Co.

346 & 348 BROADWAY.

New York, September 2nd 1870

Prof of McGill College

Montreal

Canada

Dear Sir:

Dr. Walter Moffat of
Steuensville, Ohio having been nominated as Medical
Examiner for the Company, and naming you among his references,
please favor us with all the information possible in regard to his
capability and integrity.

Very respectfully yours,

W. H. Beers

W. H. Beers

per D.

P. S.—Please reply on this letter,
or return it with answer.

Office of the New York Life Insurance Co.

310 & 312 BROADWAY.

New York, Sept. 18, 1870

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the application for a policy on the life of your son, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Wm. Smith
1870

Very respectfully yours,

Wm. Smith

If no answer is received on this letter, or return it with answer.

MS. A. 9. 2. 10
1870

18 Duncan Street

Cambridge Sept 6 1870

Dear Sir,

I feel to acknowledge
receipt of telegram of the 2nd inst.
from you, announcing my ap-
pointment to have taken place
the day before. I have respect-
fully to thank the Board & Governors
for the choice they have made
in my person, as well as for
their liberal arrangements with
respect to passage out and the
commencing of the salary of the
office. I feel there is no argument
for my being in the spot as
soon as possible in order to

begin work. Will it be satisfactory
of sail on the 15th? It is
hardly possible to do it earlier.
See that the Major Allen of Liverpool
send off Coats both there on the
17th, and by either of these dates
I may expect to receive an average passage
to Arrive at Montreal before October
begins - at least according to the
advertising bills of the firm.

Will you be good enough to lay
my acceptance before the Board
of Governors, and believe that
I, yourself personally I feel
deeply indebted for that good
opinion of Yours which I am

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in determining their choice of
my person.

Am very respectfully yours
George Forbes.

Principal Dawson.

Prof Forbes
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JAMES DAKERS, Secretary.

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By Telegraph from Quebec

To

Principal Dawson McGill University

The figures I wanted classified were there to July eighteen hundred sixty nine 1869. please send them

P. J. O. Chauveau

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Chawen
Sept 20

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

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To Principal Librarian
University
The papers I mention
classified were those to July
eighteen hundred sixty
since 1867. please
them
J. C. Chawen

1 Sept 21

WILLIAM BROWN
LIBRARIAN
NO. 100
1867

Ward

Sept 10

Ellerstie Road,

The Brook, nr Liverpool,

Sept: 10th 1840.

Sir,

Mr. Crow of this town has just informed me of a vacant professorship in the college over which you preside. He tells me further that Mr. Dawson, who heard me preach on a recent occasion, was kind enough to express the opinion that I might prove a suitable occupant for the chair you have unfilled. Unfortunately Mr. Crow was unable to give me any particulars as to the post in question, still I have ground to infer that the duties are such as my previous studies would be a preparation for. To avoid

loss of time then, while taking the liberty of asking you for more precise information, I give you at once such details & references as you are likely to require.

Seven years ago, being then twenty years of age, I entered the Congregational College Spring Hill, Birmingham to study for the Christian ministry. Some time before completing the regular course there, I resolved as far as lay in my power to fit myself for a professorship. Accordingly a year ago instead of seeking a charge I went to Germany with the intention of prolonging my studies there for a year or two. One semester I spent in Berlin: my principal object being to hear Prof. Sower & Tschudenburg. The summer semester I spent in

Göttingen. Here Prof. Lotze, one of the
best philosophers in Germany was the
attraction. I should probably have
returned to Berlin for the winter if
the war had not thrown everything
connected with the Universities into
utter confusion.

I have passed the B. A. examinations
of the London University - all three in
the 1st class. I have also passed
the 1st of the two examinations for
the degree of B. Sc.; the second B. Sc.
exam. as also that for the M. A.
it is my intention to pass in the
course of the next twelve months.

As to references in case you should
think it worth while to inquire
about me, I give you the following

Rev. R. W. Dale M. A. Birmingham

Rev. Dr. Simon, Spring Hill College, Birmingham

Rev. G. P. Davies, Wilhelm Strasse, Berlin

Obercaendlerstrasse Prof. Dr. Sommer,

Eichen Allee, Berlin.

The man to whom before all others I

should most have liked to refer you, has
been lately taken to his rest. I mean
the late Prof. Bradier, former President
of Spring Hill College. With him
I lived on terms of great intimacy.
His widow, Mrs Bradier, Peel Street,
Eccles, W: Manchester could & I am
sure would very willingly give you
his testimony at second hand.

I have directed my efforts mostly
in the direction of Apologetics &
Philosophy.

In haste for post

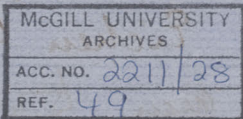
Yours respectfully,

Jas Ward Jr

Principal Dawson

Spring Hill College

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McGill College.
Montreal.

Ch^{to} Gifford Day
Sept 20
Sept 23/70

My dear Sir,

I had almost
forgot I have seen
you in Montreal
at the time of the
Exhibition. Not having
had that pleasure,
I think it well
to mention that we
are opening the paper
with much pleasure

Yours - 32
Thos Gifford Day

Students having entered
up to this date,
and I hope the
number will reach
100, which will give
us about 80 in all.
The new Scholarships
have had great inc
rease, and will
have more merit than
before went to
Mr McDonald, who
has just paid \$1250

for the ten scholarships
for this year; and
I am sure this has
made me think
again of your remark
that it might be
well to consider
this claim of the
person of being a
gentleman. He is no
doubt a young man,
but he is active
and intelligent and

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Oct 5. 1870

My dear Sir,

I shall yet hope to
converse and even consult
with you on the subject
of the Union of McGill &
Queen's. You must of
course understand the
resolutions of the joint
committee to be tentative
and binding thereon
on nobody.

10/10/60
I have now a Presbyterian
University and all that
is meant by the resolu-
-tion as I understand
it is that Luccie's
College is not to be
sacrificed. I am
not a member of
the Comm^{tee} but

superior
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taking deep interest
in the Union Museum
and scarcely less in
the prospects of both
your own University
and Queens I shall
feel it my duty to
do all in my power
to adjust matters
which now

Redloe

D. Leukens
Oct 20

appear not merely
diverse but even
conflicting.

I think the friends
of "McMill" need
not be apprehensive
of war against them
from the Union Com.
Yours very faithfully

Wm. Leukens
Principal Dawson H.S.

Oct 6.

My dear Dr Dawson

I return herewith
the resolution received in
your note of this morning.

The terms of it are explicit
enough and cannot easily
be explained away.

I have written a few lines
which I think of taking to
the Herald office this evening.

Yours truly
J Redpath

Principal Dawson
McGill College

J. Redpath
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My dear Dr Dawson,

Depend upon
it, you are giving yourself unnecessary trouble and anxiety. The idea of a Presbyterian University, apart from Queen's College, never entered into the head of any member of the Committee. Nor is there the slightest reason to anticipate any project of the kind. There was no doubt a desire on the part of Snodgrass and one or two more, to have only one Theological Hall, and that at Kingston. And this gave rise to a conversation about the possibility of removing Queen's College to Toronto, or Montreal. But the practical result was to leave things as they are, and any future action that might appear desirable, to the United Church.

My own opinion is that it will

be found impracticable to remove
Queen's College - y, which I doubt, it be
ever attempted. Can Queen's College
at Kingston, the church, & to chapel
may surely without offence to any one
equip as simply as it please. What
some of the Free Church Elders speaking
lead to my mind the most reasonable
thing to be done. It was that Queen's
Church should, previous to the Union
enclose - and liberally, both Knox
College and the Divinity College, Montreal.

My agitation about the
establishment of a Presbyterian
University is I think unnecessary.
Till some expression of opinion is given
by the Synod, it is certainly premature.

I was delayed writing, expecting
to hear from Dr Tappan, & was absent
knowing was to see on his way to Toronto,
but I have not yet heard.

Believe me

Dr Dawson
Gib

Very truly Yours

John Cook

Quebec 8th Oct. 1870

Dr Cook
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Writ:

Omaha, 25 Oct.

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My dear Principal, Yours
of yesterday reached me this
morning.

I find the Governor General
goes down to Montreal next
Monday; but only to be there
two or three days. After which
he returns here. So, there is
no chance for him in con-
nection either with lecture
or Festival. Possibly, my
own passing may fall in
with one or other. I take note
of both, in the hope. The Copor-
ation is out of the question.

Very glad your numbers
are so good. Yours in haste,
C. W.

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Handwritten signature

*Mr. McRae
Jr.*

Dorchester Street
Wednesday.

My dear Principal Dawson

I omitted under the
pressure of my late
Commⁿ - Services to
reply to your circular
concerning Church sittings
for students. Two of
our best Jews are at
their disposal - others
will be provided if they

be needed.

Private

I hoped ere this to
have been able to
see you on the subject
of University Education
in its bearing upon
Presbyterian Union.

After giving to it my
best thoughts I have
come to the conclusion

1st That there can be
no successful amalga-
-mation of the gilt
Queen's. I thought it
possible when the sug-
-gestion was first
made by Prof. Maclean
& renewed by Dr. Cook
but I see so many
difficulties in the way
that I feel sure the
attempt would end in
failure.

2nd That it would
be unfair to remove
Queen's to Montreal &
so to set up a rival
University to McGill.
It must be accepted as
the duty of all Protestants
in the Province of
Quebec to uphold &
even strengthen our
only Protestant University
The more that it is
worth of all the
support: Wm: we can give
it

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The removal of Queen's 6
fronts cannot be
thought of either.

3rd. That to set up a
new Presbyterian
University in the Domⁿ
by the United Church
would be an act of
unwisdom if not
madness.

Lastly that the
University of I. C. M.
as it does already exist

should be allowed to
fulfil its Mission in
Kingston so supplying
for the time a literary
need in Eastern Ori-
-entis.

My own opinion is
that eventually it
would be well for
the United Church to
make the Queen's
College endowment & premises

the nucleus of a great
Theological School in
which chairs might
be founded in subjects
cognate to or with
Divinity Studies -
Logic & Metaphysics -
Hebrew Literature
German Theological
Literature - Hebrew
& Greek Hermeneutics
Sr. to make it indeed
a school second

Roberts
Oct 20

to none on the American
continent

I have rapidly
worn out these
thoughts which I
would sooner have
spoken in your ear.

Yours faithfully,

Roberts

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Wendate Lodge
1st Nov 1870

My Dear Sir

I duly received your
note of 27th ult. I am not very
sure whether this would be an
opportune time to see the Governor,
but if you think well of it, I
will be most happy to accompany
you tomorrow at any hour after
12. I presume an appointment
should be previously made -
Should not some of the Governor
be a deputation?

The Governor was to arrive last
night about 6. if the weather
did not prevent -

Yours truly,

George Moffatt

Dr. Dawson -

J. M. Coffey
Oct 10

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Glenbrook 26th Nov 1870

My Dear Dr Dawson

I am glad to hear
that the preliminary arrange-
ments have been made for
the proposed eurythmics -
I have used the Resolutions
adopted at the meeting of
Copenhagen and I presume
from them as well as from
your letter that I am entitled
to

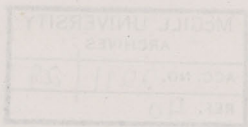
to preside and give an
opening address. The former I shall
be happy to do and such
I now & feel ~~well~~ permitting
but I cannot promise an
address for I have long since
determined never to attend
anything of the kind in a
merely social gathering. I will
prepare and read a business
statement of what has been
done and what is still required
but I can undertake no more
— In looking out for speakers
could not Dr. Trappery or
Mr. Howe be induced to help

as this would be a novelty
to our people & either of them
would do it well -

I rely greatly upon the
tact and assistance of our
Ladies Committee to secure
a success and I hope Mrs
Dawson will take charge of
that part of the organization.

With kind regards to
your daughter I remain

Yours very truly
W. B. Day



C. D. Day
Apr / 27

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Opawa, 30 Nov.
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My dear Principal, I was very
sorry I could not answer your
letter received on the 24th sooner.
Lord Ligon did not come in today
though he day by day I was expecting
him. And I literally could not
reach him at that Ultima Thule
where he lives. One day I did
start on that errand, but having
business with Sir John A. Go., was
detained by him till Council time
& then had to drive Sir John in, in-
stead of going on to Rideau.

Your second note reached me
yesterday; it just as I was start-
ing to go out again, he (my post)
came in. That the answer was
as I telegraphed it. Apart from
strong dislike to (I might say,
fear of exposure to cold in travel-
ling, he says he is expecting
guests about the time in ques-

now, I could not think of leav- a
ing. I said nothing of the sub- the
scription. Indeed, for reasons is
that may partly occur to you, wa
I which I may supplement da
when we meet, I do not see her
that I can. Mr. Morris was to be
have gone with me; but he was da
rather poorly yesterday, & so, on
was not out. Nothing sagable wo
however, could have changed
the answer. — And after all, I o
it is no fun for an old stub- Can
man who does not feel strong my
about the chest, to run down at
& house-hold at Paris. Cou
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As for myself, I can say
nothing more than that I will
come if I can. The if might
bear a good deal of understating.
I have not yet been able to
get away, even on the pretence
of the Quebec expedition. I have
some hope I may get down
for a few days next week.
But that is doubtful. I am

a nice machine for feeding,
sleeping & working. This
is written in the evening, of
which I spend from 2 to 3 hours
daily at my office; after being
here (or in Council) from
before 10 A.M. to close on the
daily. Over ten hours of fast
on an average in the day. And
work accumulating at that!

But I must stop jumbling.
I ought to be thankful I
can work. Three years ago
my heart would have bounded
at the thought that I ever again
could ~~have~~ work as I am
now doing. I think even I
am still rather mending.

Best remembrances to
your house. If I run down,
I fear I may hardly be
able to call or halt on
the way.

Yours very truly
A. W.

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Montreal, Friday
noon

My dear Sir

I thank you
kindly for your
reply to my commu-
nication from Quebec
which city I could not
leave till yesterday
night (Thursday) -

I have busied myself
a little seeing what
I can find at the
place where they keep
the old records (at

Mr David Luck's place) and have
promised to go back there
an hour or two this af-
ternoon -

Thanking you for your kind
invitation for this evening
which I should have been very
pleas'd to avail myself of,
it happens that I have
(just before leaving I) re-
ceived directions to

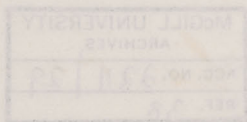
go to Bylmer to at-
tend to some business imme-
diately pressing.
There, and, accordingly,
I leave for Ottawa
tonight -

On Monday or Tuesday
I shall I hope be back

from Bylmer - and then as
you I will come and
seek you & confer on
that High School business
as your time or business
may permit -

Yours truly
H. H. Miles

I am so much obliged
to you for your thought-
ful care in appraising
Mr. Maynes' ~~W. H. Miles~~



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Tuesday. 6th Dec: 70

My Dear Sir

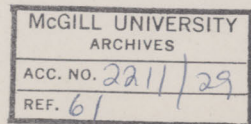
I saw Mr. Howe
this morning & I am sorry to
say the Quintette Club have
decided not to play at all
in public - consequently they
cannot assist at the College
Conversations - I called
twice to see Sir A. J. Galt &
found he was out of town. so
I have written him a note &
hope shortly to hear from him.
I have given notice of 4 days &
think it would be as well to
have a meeting of the Com:
on Thursday or Saturday
afternoon about four o'clock
if that hour would suit you.
Now that the quintette are
not to discourse music - we

G. Moffatt

Should not lose time in
securing some talent to
replace them. Mrs Sedgwick
would be very acceptable -
shall we do without any
instrumental music. If
any is to be had. it will require
to be paid for - our funds are
limited.

Yrs truly
George Croffatt

Dr Dawson -
Dear Sir



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Friday Mg. 9 Dec: 70

My dear Sir.

I intend to call on you this evening to learn if I can assist you in any way in preparing for the Concourse on the 20th Inst:

The Hon: Mr Mountbatten told me that he would address the company assembled and wished me to make some notes for him on the Russian system of education.

I have therefore to ask you to get for me if possible some work out of the Library today that

I may study the subject for
him. There is a work of
"Cressins" I would like if
possible to have as well as
some work treating of the
superiority of practical &
scientific education over
what is styled classics.

I informed Mr. Baynes that
the Wardens of the C. C.
Cathedral have the College
building plans which they
found in the safe and are
ready to deliver them the
Rector consenting.

I would call in the day time
but cannot do so. Yr. obedt. Servant

J. H. Lamb, Esq.

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Burton's Office -

Dec 31

My dear Dr Dawson,

Mr Campbell
an English Barrister - son of the
late Lord High Chancellor -
desires to see McGill College.

What will be the best time between
this and next Friday for me
to take him up?

Yours very truly
P. Redpath

Principal Dawson

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P. Westcott

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