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Priv:

Ottawa, Jan. 8/70.

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, till 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. He must go to-morrow noon; I can't go into any details about these before then. But I must write a line to show I am keeping them in mind. Just this morning I saw Edmund Meredith; had a satisfactory talk with him about

mining school matters; I will see him again, as well as Howe, before 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 (probably is not) possible. From the facts — first, that so much that is most pressing is before us this week — & next, that next week & probably the week after, I can't be here. I must say I hold strongly to being here when the matter does come up.

It is not likely I can leave before Monday. It may be Tuesday. And if it may be that the needs of the Legislature — doings may drive me straight through Montreal 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 local government; i.e., if con-

clusions that are to be communicated in that quarter will come to. Mr. Fenwick 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 pressing.

If it be late, I am very tired. If I can add anything to-morrow morning, I will. If not, my letter must just be written as soon as I can. You must have faith in my earnestness; over-difficulties over the "many things" that half dishart me, as it may seem to you. As another man of many undertakings, you perhaps will.

In haste,

Yours very faithfully,

Christopher Rankin.

Dear Mr
Gary

Mc Gill Coll.

18.1.70

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 when the receipt for bursaries went, so I had to write to Dr Ford 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 required

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. Bayne
Sly

Rt. Owen Esq

W C Byers
Dec/80

Jan. 11. 1870

My dear Sir,

The Board of Commrs. will be happy to see you at the Opening of their new School House in the S. Joseph suburbs on the morning of the 16th of February. H. R. H. Prince Arthur has consented to be present, and I hope

that nothing will occur
to prevent your complying
with the wish of the Commrs
that the Head of our
Montreal Protestant University
be present to add dignity
& grace to the occasion.

Yours faithfully,

W. McBride
Chairman

Principal Dawson LL.D.

P.S. The hour will probably be ten.

The Commrs this day accepted the proposition of the Governors anent the High School.

Glenbrook 20th Jany 1870

My Dear Sir

I shall (D.V.) be with you in Montreal on Tuesday or possibly not until Wednesday Morning – I ~~think~~ shall be alone and remain only a day or two in Town – as 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 change about the

Meeting or any thing particular to communicate please write or telegraph.

I am sorry to hear that our Steady friend & Benefactor Mr Wm Nicolson is so hopelessly ill probably not now alive —

With kind regards in which my ladies join. I remain

Yours sincerely

Dr Duncan

Chas Dow

C D Day
Feby 20

Montreal 29 January 1870

J. W. Dawson. LL.D. F.R.S.
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 upon. 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 1853 a few law-students among others A. Morris, B. Chamberlin and A. H. Stephens had a "bee" passed to secure a reduction in the term of their studentship, on condition of taking a degree in law. This they secured through McGill University and established the Law school which had previously had a nominal existence. Judge Bagley's class was then formed and Archdeacon Leach'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. Judge 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 position of the University.

your object is to complete the work thus begun sufficiently to insure 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 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 connexion 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 ~~[illegible]~~ unable to secure support in some reforms I would have carried. As

a useless and powerless monarch. I
therefore withdrew from the Lodge.

Do you therefore suppose I speak
as I do from personal reasons. I do
not think that I have to use
these remarks as private and
should you wish to inform yourself
more fully as to the daily struggles
of the French and Irish classes of Can
ada you will find no better authority than
the Rev. Richard Lenthalheric who at
that time as he has always done
proved himself the steady
friend and the warmest private
preacher and demonstrator of the
effects of Christian truth.

I have not seen much from the
subject of your pamphlets as I have
not yet had time to read what you
have circulated. My first
impression is that the Correct
Universality has adopted the Dual
system our thought is and that
we are struggling for a
community such as we have in
this Province of Quebec and further
northwards. Yours truly

W. R. Lambe.

"Postscript"

It has just occurred to me that I have not got sent you the books on Canadian History I intend to send. I have put out some of them but not all got. You might secure a large number of valuable books without much cost it appears to me, in this manner. Advertise 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. J. O. 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 would get. As to your interest and at the same time, for the benefit of a good man and than whom no better instrument for your purpose could be found I would urge you to try the experiment.

W. B.

Lamb
Feb 1/70

Tweeddale Court
Edinburgh 29 January 1870

Principal Dawson

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

O. Byrd
Jany/70

Geol. Survey Office
1st February 1870.

My dear Dr. 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 favorably 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

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 insufficient, 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

Changes render 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

S. Rea Robb Schryver

Schwyzer
Jan 1/70

Ottawa
1 February 1870

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 Civil College would have prove fatal to the scheme, both with the Privy Council and with the Legislature.

My object was to keep the benefits of the School and to leave all detail to be settled (on the report of the Professors of the School) by the Governor-Council. In this way the greatest amount of elasticity would

in science: The mere proximity of McGill College & the School would necessarily give it great advantages over all other institutions in connection with the School, as with these natural advantages you must, I think, be satisfied, at least in the first instance.

Thanks for your "Plea" and for the Programme for the Royal College of Science for Ireland. I shall return the latter in a few days.

Yours
J. W. Dawson

J. W. Dawson Esq LL.D
Principal
McGill College
Montreal.

Marshall
Feb 1/62

It affords me pleasure to state that during the period (two years) in which Mrs Amelia J Walker was engaged as Teacher in the English Department 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

Ephm. Evans
Governor & Chaplain

Sackville N B
Feb 5th 1857

Dr Evans is
now in Yorkville
Ont.

Mrs. 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 recommend her to any & all whose patronage she may wish to solicit, as a person well qualified and worth of their confidence

Isaac Noble

Carleton St. 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 nine years in the above place

A. J. W.

486 Craig Street
8th January
1870.

Principal Dawson.
F.R.S.L

My dear Sir.

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

Believe me,
Yours very Respectfully
Dan S. McLord

Received
Feb 1/20

Montreal 10 Feb. 1870

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

Yours
J. A. Perkins

Principal Dawson
McGill College
Montreal

Perkins
Feb/20

Vestry of Erskine 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,

D. A. Macdonald

Dr. Dawson
McGill Col.

D McLean
Feb/20

Montreal 10 Feb 1870

My dear Sir

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

J. W. 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 one person will be ready to join.

I am, my dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
[illegible]

Thos Cramp
Esq. /40

Brockell House
Feby. 10 1870

My dear Dr. Dawson

I fully intended to be present at the meeting to day 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 Dr Dawson
Yours very truly
John Leeming

J Keeny
Dec/70

W Molson
J Workman
Logan
Leeny
W C McDougall

(Private)



Thursday Morng.
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 on the Shakespeare Medal matter I jumped on the wheel & turned the point when J. C. King 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 prices current, or the Mark Lane Gazette, I would like to know

Hovid

Wilmington Feb 7

Have 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 enoneous views & impressions regarding the selection of Governors &c for a University like Wyell 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 wont say, but forty one years residency here have now given it to me

I am Dear Sir yours William Workman

Hon Hawson &c

Prof Frebs 44 Bonaventure St
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February 14. 1870



My dear Sir,

During the whole time that you have been Principal of the McGill 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 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 responsibility must ~~lie~~ rest on the Corporation of the McGill 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 taking 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's Robins' 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 endeavour 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,

Yours very truly
William Hicks

Dr Dawson
McGill College

Private

McGill College,
Montreal, Feby 14/70

My dear Sir,

I was very much grieved by the disparaging occurred between you and Prof Weeks on Saturday; and I do hope that you will endeavour to avoid any ~~occasion for grounds such~~ collision of the ~~kind~~ ~~being in any~~ ~~this~~ what may be ~~left to~~ by inquiries the School and ~~the~~ yourself, and not in any way, ~~or to~~ for ~~Conference~~ ~~Teaching~~ as I can see

When I ~~make~~ ~~complainant~~ ~~description~~ ~~Sports~~ make others ~~the~~ my lectures here present in spite inviting the School ~~today~~ this morning. Yours

W Dawson

to anything which as friends of education or Christian men we need 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 ~~[illegible]~~
~~favorable~~ detrimental to you unless
~~than you anticipate~~;
and that this is the
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-
~~pressed~~ mitted the pleas,
as the best possible
in the circumstances,

Copy to Abbey
Oct 7/70

and concerted ~~to give~~
~~them a false~~ all under it; though
~~Politics frequently give~~
~~to design of the~~ merely a subject
movement
unfortunate to you;
or a preference appears ~~that~~
~~and expecting you~~
much as I expected
to promote your interest
elsewhere, ~~in that case~~ as far as I could

It is clear however,
that any want of
harmony ^ approval may defeat
me plans and so in
~~faith~~ ~~harmony~~ the whole and
~~must~~ ~~expect for the~~
all expected without
learn as well as ~~for~~
~~you can take care the~~
~~interests of the school will~~
~~which we have kept so long~~
~~connected~~; I must ^ ask you not
~~earnestly to refrain 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 Parishioner
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 sympathise
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. Bancroft

D Bancroft
Feby / 70

Ottawa Russell Hotel
18th Feby 1870

My Dear Dr Dawson

I recd your letter & have from Mr Bayne the Report to His Excellency which I have not seen as I mean 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 received 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 will
be obtained -
I have thought a good deal
about the matter of the degree
to Dr Baldwin - my present
feeling is that it ought to be
given -, that more friends will
be lost by withholding than by
giving it but I will write on
we will confer further matter
hereafter -

Yours

Mr Ferrier showed me your letter about the Normal School. He saw Mr Bhaurwaan who made an objection to the Constitution as interfering with his authority but I suppose he will write to you all about it – I will see Mr Bhaurwaan also if necessary this evening – I am afraid we are to have trouble with the Normal School –

In the subscription for the endowment the small subscribers must not be forgotten & some arrangement should be made by which these smaller sums can be taken without setting a bad example for the larger ones –

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Day Aff Pp

I am very busy and do not see any near termination to my work – Mrs Day and Mrs Prescott join me in kind regards to your circle and I remain

Yours sincerely

C W S Day

Halifax Feb 25

Dear Dr Dawson

I despise ashamed to think that it is more than a month since I heard from you or yet your letter which I was delighted to receive remains unanswered. It arose partly from my being perplexed of my time from home but mainly because I expected the Board to meet & thought it as well to get their sanction. Circumstances however have prevented our meeting

I am happy to hear of the interest taken in the subject by some in Canada. and I hope to say that I will attend to the subject next week just as soon as Dr Barnes gets the Report out of Press We have a couple of hundred small maps of the Gen Reduces which will add to the interest. Dr Reeves annual Report was also a very interesting document but I suppose I had better just attend

to the Exploratory tour as suggested. We have got an excellent Deputy in and Mr Morton but we are still deficient at New Westminster

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 sinking steamer

now out 28 days. Some 40
or 50 took passage from Hope
Rev James Waddell is ill
and I think will not live
through March.

Kind regards to Mrs
Dawson. Mr McGregor
and family are well.

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

Yours truly
P. G. McGregor

Dr Dawson

Dear

Thank
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G. G. McGregor
Feb 1870

Miles Feb/70

Private

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 keep you much

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

mon 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. Committee of the Council as to the distribution of what would come to the Protestants - 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 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 Townships 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 chiefly
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, continued with
dexterous manœuvring, that disgusts me
I have made up my mind to get rid of
the Ed. Office as soon as I can - Meanwhile
I desire to retain the positions of
Prot. 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
~~[illegible]~~ 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 &c 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 700 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
H. H. Miles

Ottawa 26th July 1870

My Dear Dr Dawson

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

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speak to some of them on the subject - but not to Mr Hamilton as it is unlikely that my doing so would be of any ~~but~~ 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 impulse to know how I may speak on the subject -

With kind regards I remain

Yours sincerely

D Day

C. D. Day
Esq

McGill College,
Montreal,

Mch 1/70

Hon. Judge Day,

My dear Sir,

I have received your 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 obtain a list to send you with the subscriptions already given.

Mr Moffatt, Mr Crump

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 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, he
would do something large.
General additions
persons are to be called
on before Saturday; and
Gurney mentions that
Mr Clamp is taking
a great interest in the

Copy to Day
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matter and making himself very useful; thought, after our preliminary 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 to receive my final report, and make necessary arrangements.

With all good wishes and kind regards from all our circle,

Yours
W Dawson

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, & 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 trys 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

Wm G. Ferrier
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Thursday 3 March
1870

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 can get away I shall not fail to attend. Nothing from Dr. Allan. Sir W. E. Logan has the book I was to see you before putting his name down.

Yours truly
George Dorfall

J. McPatt
McPatt

Robins

Mch 3/70

Private

McGill Normal School
March 3rd 1870.

Dear Sir,

While sending to you the enclosed document I cannot refrain from saying a word or two to you of a more immediately private nature.

The enclosed protest I did not send to 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 changed 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 occasions to me by implication the threat that if I want to leave now neither yourself nor the College authorities would help me. I am & 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 & must again ask for it as I wish to make immediate use of it if favourable

Yours sincerely

S. Robins

Dr Dawson.

McGill University,

Montreal, March 3, 1870.

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 ~~twelve~~ 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 discipline of the Model Schools; and that I have had every reason to be perfectly satisfied with your diligence, ability and success, as well as with your conscientious performance of duty.

Allow me to add the hope that the changes which have occurred may not in any respect im-

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here 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 W Dawson

Joseph Robins,
McGill Normal School

cf Robins
McGill

# McGill University,

Montreal, Mch 3 1871

My dear Sir

As you ask that in
anticipation 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 twelve
years I have had reason to be satisfied
with your exertions to carry out the
objects of the institution and to promote
the interests of the Normal School
and I hope that you will be able
to continue your services in
the cause of education and with the
same perseverance and zeal which you
have displayed in my respect.

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

When my report when from
with the Committee which is
the chief publication by and
purpose and that is
My system in connection
the School

Copy Section
Dr Dawson
Prof

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 Emigrants 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 unsuitable Immigrants coming to Canada, under the auspices of Emigration 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 comparing views

I am, My Dear Sir,
Very cordially
Wm. J. Patterson.

W. H. Patterson
Nov 1/00

McGill College,
Montreal. March 26/70

My dear Sir,

I have requested the Secretary of the University to send to the Prince and to yourself and Saint Pierre copies of our circular inviting our friends to the meeting of Convocation for the conferring of Medical degrees on Thursday next at 3 P.M. I can offer

you that the college authorities and the young men who are to receive degrees will ~~regard it as a high compliment if~~ be most gratified if the Royal Highness will honour us with his presence on the Days as a spectator.

The members of Council will be very to leave the Library & pass to the Lecture

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Elphinstone
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Rose-Mount,
Montreal.

27. March 1870

Dear Professor Dawson

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

before 3 P. M. –

yrs faithfully

R. S. Gladstone

Elphinstone
Mill/70

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, 335.

P. L. Bruce
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McGill Normal School,

Montreal, March 29. 1870

My dear Sir,

Be so kind as to send word whether at any one of our Monthly Meetings it was decided that the Annual Meeting of the Literary 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

Dr Dawson
McGill College

P.S.

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

The Point is, did you authoritatively, through me, forbid the holding of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Library Association.

There is nothing on the Subject in your Book.

Prof Wiley
Oct 1/70

Montreal Mch 30th 1880.

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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Private & Confidential

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 Rd. Mr Alex. Kemp -, now at Windsor, Ontario, Prov, is, you know it, neglected, & all most put 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, & to the consideration he deserves, if he you ~~can~~ would confer him the degree

L. L. D. and I ask from you that favour for the noble hearted friend 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
faithful devoted
friend
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Rev Dr Moor

Dear Sir

Don't forget to send an invitation from Thursday to Mr Price

Yours &c

Geo Campbell

P. McGill Dawson

S Campbell
Mch 1/00

Monday Evening

My dear Doctor Dawson

I have seen Drs Howard and McCallum since I saw you, and they are quite willing with the explanations I made, to reconsider 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 shall be able to get the division changed without you.

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

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

Yours very truly
Geo W Campbell

Principal Dawson

Dr Campbell
Mch/70

McGill University,

Montreal, Apl 1, 1872

My dear Sir,

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

I may mention that the granting of degrees of LL.D in course will be in order at the meeting of corporation in the end of this month; but Dr Leach will inform you fully as to this.

Yours truly
J W Dawson

G. Page Butler Esq
Dunnsville

My dear Sir,

~~Anything unusual~~
~~any one under~~ ~~extra~~ ~~it a big~~
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Invited extra at a big tea
~~Dinner~~ ~~be called to~~ Just a place as
~~Most~~ of the Debate in the
~~Law~~ Chair of Jurisprudence. My prime
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Montreal April 5th

Dr Dawson

Sir

Hearing that you are about having 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 something 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

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

I remain yours respectfully

Ellen Hanover

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McGill N.S. 5/4 1870

Dear Sir,

The terms of the official announcements of my appointments vary. In one it is said "in addition to your other duties" &c. I think this may be fairly interpreted "Associate 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 desirable distinction between the Natural History & other subjects.

Yours Truly
J. W. Holmes

Dr Dawson.

Adrian
Apl 1/70

Ottawa.
6th April 170.

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. Lemieux 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 McGill. You will never 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 assure you. And I feel most grateful that you were sent among us, & hope that you will not leave McGill, 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 mistaken in thinking so. But it will give her great pleasure to see her sisters again, & her native country.

I suppose Anna takes charge of the younger ones in your absence, & I shall try to call & see her when we pass thro' Montreal. Mr. Dunkin has no prospect of going home to Shrowlton soon — I may go for a little while; but I feel very unwilling to leave him while he is so driven day & night. The strain upon him will be very great till the session is over — then I hope he will not be quite so much overworked.

Give our most affectionate remembrances to Mr. Dawson, & praying that He who hath the winds & the waves in His hands will bring you both safely back to us, ever believe me most

Sincerely yours
Mary Dunkin.

C Dunkin
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McGill College
Montreal
Canada
April 7th 1870

Gentlemen

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

1 Dipping-needle
1 Dovetail piece, slide &c
1 Syringe

I am, Gentlemen
Your obedt Servt
Alexander Johnson

Messrs Elliott, Brothers
Opticians
449 Strand,
London,

Letter
Johnston
to Elliott

Montreal April 8th - 1870

Dear Sir,

I infer from your statement in regard to the wants of McGill College, and the good prospect there seems to be that the means will be provided wherewith 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 referred 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 longed for an opportunity to make it a subject 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

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 judgement 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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study of the science, and I expect to have a noble opportunity of doing so. The work which Mr Selwyn will probably instruct me to do, (collecting materials for a map of the country along the north of the St Lawrence, between Montreal and Quebec) is of such a nature that I shall be able to do a large amount of study, while doing my work faithfully for the Survey. I shall do this even without any reference to the Professorship, but if you, Sir, could hold out any hope of my receiving that appointment, I should engage in the study with much greater satisfaction.

Respectfully Yours
Walter McOwat

Principal Dawson
McGill University

The Rectory
Westbourne
April 27/70

Dear Dr Dawson

I have not been in London since my mother's arrival and so had no opportunity of calling to thank

you for your very
kind attention to
her on the journey.
Will Canterbury and
one of the most charm-
ing villages of Kent
not tempt you away
from Jesus for a
day or two? I need
not say how glad
we should all be

to see you & Mrs Dawson
& 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 McGill.
Is it an impertinent
supposition to make

that this is the chair of Natural Philosophy, which I understand, my Mother Peter desires to address? and if so, may I offer the obvious suggestion of John Stephenson's name, although I do not know in the Scotch whether he could take it if offered. He is at present a candidate I believe, for the Math. Professorship at London University held by De Morgan & Hirst

but they will probably
work an older &
more experienced man.
He was a High School
boy to begin with; whether
he entered Merchill or
not I don't know, but
Moorbridge & Ward with
Rod Hunter a shortish
boy from Eastern, came
out 8th Wrangler, just
missed his fellowship
at Trinity through his utter ignorance
of Greek or Latin, be-

come professor of
Mathematics at the
University of Calcutta,
come home after two
years service abroad
for the boy, but succeeds
there not coming fast
enough for his slender
purse returned to his
first love, took a
temporary mastership
at Harrow, married

& is now Macowberising
in London. His certificates
from Cambridge, Honors
Journey to 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 bizarre &
eccentric in manner
given perhaps to exaggerate

that to take on the opposite vice & hypocrisy

You may judge of my sincerity in proposing him by the fact that if he goes to London, 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 object of your visit and that we both have a pleasant holiday when we

Yours very truly
G. D. Redpath.

Chas. Sub Westhall
Esq

My dear a

Mr Bagnes has communicated your extreme fear yesterday of the Bonds of Guardianship which appear to you — If as I suppose he has a Minor a Female Ward to be Guardian then in (1) that you will appear against this as many & cumbrous Minutes and as expensive a way in the failure of the Bond which appears ~~[illegible]~~ ~~Bond which will then~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~

(2) Now which I apprehend be perhaps Stated upon left to the Bond I feel that any necessary Bond could cause the Sole applicant Stamp for Care and I hope that before the Strange Complaint actually hereafter the expense the revenues of the Minor may be in such Guardian so enable the Guardian to take the most Calm prudent view of the Circumstances of the Case, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~

I should hope to see you at the Lyceum by which the note in case you have an opportunity left by my Clerk yesterday in the matter.

I am sure is the proper time if there should be any difficulty part of Bond and if then that you seem Still that we have found a dozen papers be signed the Minority.

Mayor Otis to
Revd. A. McFee

Wm
May 18/70

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 Monck—

"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
"our College. Of course
"it would be the <u>most</u>
"<u>imperative</u> duty of any

man accepting such a post
to take no unfair advantage
of his official connexion
with the Students for any
such purpose and to
refrain from any step
that w'd 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
injunctions 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 & C°." or ~~Pusey~~ 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

apply 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 Scholarship

With regards to Mrs Dawson & George Believe me

Yours truly

Alexander Johnson

Principal Dawson

McGill College
Montreal
May 19 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 Doran 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 stopped.

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 Comrie is going to England next week to procure a successor to Dr Wilkes for the Zion Church. Mrs Comrie 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 Ruhmkorff (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

Tuesday May 19/70

"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 ever sincerely

Alexander Johnson



Principal Dawson LL.D

him and young Taylor but your sons 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 of 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 Weir has also written to Mr Cornish from Quebec inquiring whether

Candidates from Morris if successful could continue to study at Morris. 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 a 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 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 "par excellence" 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 Elvest 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 this pleasure till the following week – May I therefore ask you to fix

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

I am my dear Sir
Yours faithfully yrs
Edwin Lankester

A Sankey
May 1/70

Montreal
May 28th 1870

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 $26000 which is $6000 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 Cornish's) in exchange for the Côté 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 Coté 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 neighboring 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 but 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 bearing 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 Denian 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.)

D. Shum
June 78

St John's
Newfoundland
June 8th 1870.

Dear Doctor,

I have decided on sending my two eldest boys to McGill 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-

sions 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 contest 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

Harvey June 1/70

students, 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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June 9th 1870

Sir

Your letter of this morning is to hand. The parcels for McGill College have not yet reached us but will have our best attention when they do.

We note your order for Huxley's Lectures to be sent to Mess Dawson.

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

We are
Sir
Yours truly

Sampson Low & Co
per J Burnford

Sir Wm Logan
03/June/70

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1870

Tweeddale Court
Edinburgh 16th June 1870

My dear Sir

I send you in a separate packet specimens of paper and dies, which may help you to decide on what you would like for the College paper. The cost of the die would run from 25/ to £2.2.0 according to style. The printing in colour would be about 6/8 per 1000 impressions, and in plain white only 1/- per 1000 or so, whether on paper or envelopes.

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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 Gilmore Place

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17th June 1870

My dear Dr. Dawson,

As you have decided on remaining 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 Edinbr. he will know where to forward it. I enclose a Bill of Exchange for £50. dy according to your direction & give the balance to Williams. I have sent special notices for the Normal School Committee meeting on Thursday 22d. and shall secure a quorum for any work that may be needed. I sent by express yesterday 54 Blank Diplomas for Mr. Thauvette's 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 Miles
has, & make Robins Principal, for it
appears there is a good deal of outside
surprise that he was not Principal
& his friends are active. Secondly,
I know that he has a good offer from
Upper Canada, and that he is holding
back on account of this ministerial
rumours — then 3d the Commissi-
oners see a chance of his going
away from Montreal they will in

all probability offer him this superintendents place of all this schools, & the head mastership of the new Preparatory School which is now building in the Play ground with a 75 feet front on University Street & 22 rear on the Play ground good basement accomodation for a Porter Cloak room furnace, Coal & water Closets — Nothing however has been said to me at in the Committee & my information is quite outside our Officers — As regards the Medical School it is just were it was, the Professors want something that is to eclipse anything that has come before or shall follow after and the fours nors are determined not to give a penny more than £5000 for lock stock & barrel. There have been some suggestions to let them have the East Wing & put our two Residents

with an Office & Law Lang Rooms
Carrel Chambers & Vaults on Sherbrooke
Street in this case they think of having
a design for all the buildings on the
Western side looking into the Park with
Vaults on Josephs, the Office & Public
Lecture Rooms facing a gable on
Sherbrooke Street - but nothing is likely
to be done or settled till after you
return, & this you need not hurry
for the season is dreadfully hot a
regular old fashioned Canadian June
& all our country Sundays & escape
in July so that you would only return
for hot weather and we are one gone.
so I hope you will try & make up
your mind to have a good long holiday
which you need & will do you
a world of good & really there is nothing

in July to be done – I made a sale of my Sourvill lots and recovered al-most all my lost interest, much to the satisfaction of the Estate Com-mittee, we lend £2000. on the houses to be erected thereon – our interest began 1st June – poor Mr Dennis has felt his death of his son very deeply and there is a great change in him but I hope if he gets down into the country he may rally, – I read parts of your letter 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 Canadian attack by the Fenians has ended in a very decided defeat – which has

put an end for some year at
least to this filibustering Miss-Plot.
Alfred was out at the engagement
at Fredericksburgh as Capt. & Adjutant
of the M. G. A. & being mounted he was
Col Baxter's 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 force marched on the 14th
and returned from Duchin on Saturday
& I think leaves for the West about the
end of the month. I had a very nice
visit from Prof. Weir from Maine
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 rending of the terms for Competition admit a College which like Morin may be said to be a part of our own only in another locality, he adds that as no student comes from the Country, and it is only the Quebec Protestant youth that then seems a greater claim. he cites a very interesting example in Mr. J. McKenzie who graduated from Morin in 1869 he read up the subjects for the Gilchrist Scholarship and went to London Ontario and was 5th in the list obtaining it with great éclat, Lord Granville wrote a very complimentary letter about it - & this young man was educated at the first at the High School of Quebec than at this College and they very properly remark that what was at the time a favour conferred on a poor Boy has been richly repaid in the honor of giving Morin the

Baynes June/70

claiming a distinguished Student,
as Toronto obtained it in 1868 – Mr Wise
argues 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 attach your offeli-
-ng fellows very closely to you and shew
a noble generosity & impartial distri-
-bution of scholastic rewards, almost
more close as its getting late in
the afternoon – A friend of mine
Wm Hague is going to England by this
mail steamer & I have sent you
the first dozen Calendars I have
received this day – With our united
kind regards Believe me My dear
Dr Dawson Very Kly Yours

W Craig Baynes

I will see to the boxes of Fossils –

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 McGill University, Montreal while the address is McGill 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

Collingwood C.W.
July 13 – 1870

My dear Principal
Dawson

I am fur-
nished the
record of your
Degree of M.A.
is complete,
but I will cause
search to be
made. At the
time you got
your Degree

funeral atten-
dance was
dispensed with
I believe such
is never the
case now.
I think the
new bill
deprives us
of the power
to confer degrees
in absence
at any rate
on leave

held such to be
the fact. Their
way stand in
the way of the
Sense of L.P.
but I will take
care to put
that matter in
train without
loss of time
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Yours
Sincerely
Mitchell Kland

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Edinr.
27th July, 1870.

My dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce my friend the Rev. Geo. C. Hutton of Paisley, who will be glad to have the advantage of your kind counsel in seeing what 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 sincerely.

H. Calderwood.

Principal Dawson

McGill College,

Montreal

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Enclosed
Dr Hyde

Goderich Ont.
Aug. 18th 1880

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 testimonials 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 Departments Latin if required, I am

a native of Scotland, and I have had considerable experience as a Teacher.

I also beg leave to refer you to the Revd Wm Geddes, Rector of Hamilton.

I would esteem it a favor to have an early reply, for which please find 2 stamps enclosed.

Very Respectfully Your obt

Amelia V. Walker

Cupar Angus
Aug 19. 1870

Dear Sir,

Your letter announcing the likelihood of my being appointed Assistant Professor of Logic and Moral Philosophy in the McGill College, Montreal, came to hand yesterday. And I have very sincerely 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 to

as little inconvenience in that respect as possible. I understood in one of my interviews with you that it is not imperative that in Montreal at the very opening of the Session but that it would be regarded as sufficient if the work of the Classes were commenced in the beginning of October.

Let me here explain that your first letter mentioned in ~~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 Highlands where I was staying up to yesterday. And ought to have been

delivered to me then along with your second letter. I expect to have it tonight however, but I suppose the hints in it regarding passages of, 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 clear were 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 I don't yet understand very clearly. They seem a little indefinite in any respect for terms that I have heard yet. But I am perfectly content with whatever guarantee for reasonable stability of position is afforded by the Constitution and usages of a great public institution like the McGill University.

I 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 discredit 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.

I remain with much respect,
Very truly yours
George Forbes.

Principal Dawson.

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New York, September 2nd 1870

Prof. of McGill College
Montreal
Canada

Dear Sir:

Dr. Walter Moffat of Steubenville, 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. Peers
V.P.
per B.

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

Receipt
1870

18 Duncan Street
Edinburgh Sept 6 1870

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of telegram of the 2nd inst. from you, announcing my appointment to have ~~taken~~ place the day before. I have respectfully to thank the Board of Governors for the choice they have made in my favour, as well as for their liberal arrangements with respect to passage out and the commencing of the salary of the office. I feel there are strong arguments for my being in the spot as soon as possible in order to

begin work. Will it be satisfactory if I sail on the 15th? It is hardly possible to do it earlier. I see that the Messrs Allan of Liverpool send off boats both there on the 17th, and by either of these dates I may expect with 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 for myself personally feel deeply indebted for that good opinion of yours which has

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Have had so much to do in determining their choice in my favour.

I am very respectfully yours
George Forbes.

Principal Dawson.

Prof Lukes
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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

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Ellerslie Road,
The Brook, nr Liverpool,
Septr. 10th 1870.

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 Mrs 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 Profs. Dorner & Trendelenburg. The summer semester I spent in

Göttingen. Here Prof. Lotze, one of the first 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. examination 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, Birm.
Rev. G. P. Davies, Wilhelm Strasse, Berlin.
Oberconsistorialrath Prof. Dr. Dorner,
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. Barbier, former President of Spring Hill College. With him I lived on terms of great intimacy. His widow, Mrs Barbier, Peel Street, Eccles, nr 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
McGill College
Montreal

Ans to Judge Day
Sept 26

McGill College.
Montreal.

Sept 23/70

My dear Sir,

I hasten almost
respectfully to 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 session
with most promising
prospects — 32 new
students.

Yours truly Day
C K

Students having entered up to this date, and I hope the number will reach 60, which will give us about 80 in all. The new Scholarships have had great influence, and will have more next year. Money must be in McDonald, who has just paid $1250

for his ten scholarships for this year; and I suppose this has made me think again of your remark that it might be well to consider his claims to the honor of being a freeman. He is no doubt a young man, but he is active and intelligent and

I know him to be a man of good family and connections in Prince Edward Island I shall try to learn what is thought of him here; but I suppose the value and sweep of his benefaction make me think that we should do him any favour we can.

The Medical Faculty have given up the idea of building this year, and the Professors in arts do not favour my little scheme for lectures to women, both of which things I regret.

Yours truly
W. Dawson

Oct 5. 1870

My dear Sir,

I shall yet hope to converse and learn 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 therefore on nobody

We have now a Presbyterian University and all that is meant by the resolution as I understand it is that Queen's College is not to be sacrificed. I am not a member of the Commn but

taking deep interest
in the union movem^t
and scarcely less in
the prosperity of both
your own University
and Queens I shall
feel it my duty to
do all in my power
to adjust matters
which now

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Dr Jenkins
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appear not merely
diverse but even
conflicting.

I think the friends
of "Melgill" need
not be apprehensive
of war against them
from the Union Committee

Yours very faithfully
W M Jenkins

Principal Dawson M.D.

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

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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 desireable, to the United Church.

My own opinion is that it will

be found impracticable to remove Queen's College - if, which I doubt, it be even attempted. Since Queen's College at Kingston, the Church, if to dispense may surely without offence to any one equip or comply as it pleases. What some of the Free Church Elders spoke of was to my mind the most reasonable thing to be done - It was that Free Church should, previous to the Ministry Endow - and liberally, both Knox College and the Divinity College, Montreal.

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

I was delayed writing, expecting to hear from Dr Topp, who then talked more was to see on his way to Toronto but I have not yet heard.

Believe me
Very truly yours
John Cook

Dr Dawson
&c &c

Quebec 8th Oct. 1870

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Priv:

Ottawa, 20 Oct. 70.

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 connexion either with Lecture or Festival. Possibly, my own papers may fall in with one or other. I take note of both, in the hope. The Corporation is out of the question.

Very glad your members are so good. Yours in haste,

G.M.B.

Gurkin

J. W. McRory

Dorchester Street
Wednesday.

My dear Principal Dawson

I omitted under the pressure of my late Commⁿ services to reply to your circular anent Church sittings for Students. Two of our best pews 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 thought I have come to the conclusion

1st That there can be no successful amalgamation of the Gilt & Queen's. I thought it possible when the suggestion was first made by Lord Macleod & 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 Protest University. The more that it is worthy of all the support we can give it

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The removal of Queen's to Toronto cannot be thought of either.

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

Lastly that the University of Q Coll: as it does already exist

should be allowed to fulfil its mission in Kingston so supplying for the time a literary need in Eastern Ontario.

My own opinion is that eventually it would be well for the United Church to make the Queen's Coll endowm^t & 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
&c. to make it indeed
a school second

R Denny
Oct/70

to none on the American
Continent.

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

Yours faithfully,

Rendale Lodge
1st Nov 1870

My Dear Sir

I duly received your note of 27 ult: I am not very sure whether this would 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 Governors 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. McPatty
Col'd

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Glenbrook 26th Jan 1870

My Dear Dr Dawson

I am glad to hear that the preliminary arrangements have been made for the proposed conversazione — I have read the Resolution adopted at the meeting of Corporation and I learn from them as well as from your letter that I am entitled

to

to preside and give an
opening address. The former I should
be happy to do would seem
I know a fact would personally
but I cannot promise an
address for I have long since
determined never to attempt
anything if the time in a
numerous social gathering I could
prepare and read a business
statement of what has been
done and what is still wanted
but I can undertake no more
— In looking out for speakers
could not Dr Tuppen or
Mr Howe be induced to help us

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 Miss Dawson will take charge of that part of the arrangements.

You will kind regard when the you completed & remain

Yours very truly

[illegible]

C D Day
Nov/70

Priv:

Ottawa, 30 Nov. 70.

My dear Principal,

I was very sorry I could not answer your letter received on the 24th November. Lord Lisgar did not come into town though 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 overtaken Sir John A. too, was detained by him till Council time & then had to drive Sir John in, instead of going on to Rideau.

Your second note reached me yesterday; just as I was starting to go off again, he (My Lord) came in. But the answer was as I telegraphed it. Apart from strong dislike to (I might say fear of) exposure to cold in travelling, he says he is expecting guests about the time in question

hon, I could not think of leaving. I said nothing of the subscription. Indeed, for reasons that may partly occur to you, of which I may supplement when we meet, I do not see that I can. Mr. Morris wanted to have gone with me; but he was rather poorly yesterday, & so was not out. Nothing else, however, could have changed the answer. — And after all, it is no fun for an old gentleman who does not feel strong about the chest, to run down to Montreal at Xmas.

As for myself, I can say nothing more than that I will come if I can. The of might be a good deal of understanding I have not yet been able to get away, even on the pretence of the Quebec session. I have some hope I may get down for a few days next week. But that is doubtful. I am

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a mere machine for feeding, sleeping & working. This is written in the evening, 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 Office daily. Over ten hours of paid on an average in the 24. And work accumulating at that!

But I must stop grumbling. 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 on the way.

Yours very truly

C.A.B.

Hr C Drinkwater Esq
Nov 1/78

Montreal, Friday
Noon

My dear Sir

I thank you kindly for your reply to my communication 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 Lucki (place) and have promised to go back there an hour or two this afternoon -

Thanking you for your kind invitation for this evening which I should have been very pleased to avail myself of, it happens that I have (just before leaving) received directions to go to Aylmer to attend to some business immediately pressing there, and, accordingly, I leave for Ottawa tonight -

On monday or Tuesday I shall I hope be back

from Aylmer — and then as ~~you~~ I will come and see you & confer on that High School business as your time or leisure may permit —

Yours truly
H. H. Miles

I am ~~so~~ much obliged to you for your thoughtful care in apprising Mr Baynes —

Miles
Newfd

Tuesday - 6 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 Convocation - I called twice to see Sir A. T. 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 y day & think it would be as well to have a meeting of the Com: for 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 Redpath 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.

Yours truly
George Moffatt

Dr Dawson -
be on

W B Hawke

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 Convocazione on the 20th Inst:

The Hon: Mr Huntington told me that he would address the company assembled and asked me to make some notes ~~from~~ him in the Prussian 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 "Cousins" I would like if possible to have as well as some work treating of the superiority of practical & scientific education over what is styled classical.

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 Consecrating.

I would call in the day time but cannot do so. Yours truly

W B Lambe.

Bursar'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

P. Redpath