Montreal, 2nd January, 1872.

Dr Dawson

Dear Sir,

A friendly conference, to consider the General Assembly's College Endowment Scheme, and its relation to the interests of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, will be held in my house, No. 957 St. Catherine Street, on Thursday Evening, the fourth instant, at 8 o'clock.

As the Rev. Mr. Laing, the Agent for carrying out the General Assembly's Scheme, is expected in prose= cution thereof, to visit this city at an early date, and it being desirable that previous to his coming, there should be a clear understanding of the matter, you are particularly requested to be present.

Yours very truly,

JOHN STIRLING.

Stuart
May 1/73

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No. 60 St. James Street,

P. O. Box 391½.

Montreal 9th January 1872

My Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of yesterday.

Might they not some formal communication be given to the Secretary, as well as the decision arrived at by the Faculty with reference to the next public debate, as of an application had some time sent in for use of the buildings for ordinary meetings.

I am under obligation to you for having informed me of the action taken by the Faculty, but as your note is marked "private" I am unable to take any effective steps

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upon its contents –

It is of much importance that I should be able to confer with the committee & debaters today – & I hope that the faculty may find it possible to entrust the bearer with any letters that the Secretary is to receive, with respect to matters in question.

Very sincerely yours

J. W. Dawson

To
Principal Dawson.

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Washington, January 19th – 72

My dear Sir.

I have very much pleasure in informing you that I yesterday had a privilege never before bestowed upon a subject of Great Britain – that of opening the House of Representatives with prayer. I am glad to be able to say that it was received in most excellent spirit. Immediately I had concluded the Speaker evinced his satisfaction by a very hearty shake of the hands and some very kind words, as did also several members near the Speakers stand – which I occupied. – You will find from some papers I mail you today that our cherished McGill will become widely advertised in these United States.

I much regret that an important matter that has turned up will detain me a couple of days from my duties – but it will not be for more than a couple of days. I have made arrang

with a friend a member of the House that any government Reports we want for the College or Natural History Society we can obtain on application to him.

Trusting you, Mrs Dawson and family are quite well

I am, Dear Doctor,
Very truly Yours
A. Lefolan

Before leaving, I wrote Whitaves to get some one to act in my place as Chairman of the Lecture Committee and that Professor Wilson wrote me he could not lecture for us this year.

Principal Dawson
L. L. D.

Dr Sylvester
Esq
Dr Whitlin
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Prof Morris
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W Dawson

McGill College.
Montreal.

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C. P. Dawson Esq
President Univ Lett Sy

My dear Sir,

I enquired more particularly yesterday into the unfortunate difficulty which has occurred with reference to the use of the Wilkinson Mat. Soc Hall for your debate, and noted especially your allusion to two points in the matter which I had overlooked

1/1 The permission to use

the rooms of a Society
must be that of the
Principal and the
Society; but in the
case of the ordinary
meetings the Society
had put ~~out~~ its power
into my hands in
notice of the Subject being
sent to me. This
was not the case
as to public meetings
in the Molson Hall
for which ~~the parts~~
a separate resumption

was still required. I doubt
of this difference was
freely before the mind
of your Secretary. To
remove the difficulty
I have said to the Faculty
that in future I shall
raise all right as
to the ordinary meetings
and then subjects can
the decision with it

12/ I believe in the
Constitution that you
contemplate a number
of public meetings as circumstances ~~which~~

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of held in the Northern States seemed to be very burdensome & an expensive and overworked attendants, as well as attended with some expense and inconvenience relating to the other uses of the Hall. I would therefore suggest that of so many meetings as are to be held some other place should be engaged for the public meetings, and I would gladly think my son as a member pay a fair share as to the expense

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J. M. Dawson

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Private
C. B. Davis
Jany/72

Montreal
14 January 1872 -

My Dear Sir.

I am concerned to learn that this Society is to be deprived of your personal decision in any questions that may arise in the future - But if our connection with the University is continued, we may perhaps be able to induce to aid us very greatly, by reading notices of proposed private debates.

With respect to the public meetings, I do not think that it is now intended to have more than three at the utmost - The expense that these would entail for light & fuel, I hume to admit never occurred to me. As to the attendants we have always ~~[illegible]~~ paid them for any services rendered.

I have frankly to express that in my opinion it is undesirable for the Society to go outside for accomodation until the use of the College buildings has been finally refused.

It has seemed to us, of some importance that we should cling to the University, in this effort to unite Graduates & undergraduates on some common literary ground. In many of us the desire has been very strong to maintain some tangible connection with our College. But we are being rapidly taught that the sentiment is not worth recognition.

I may add that we find it impossible to change the proposed question of debate

and it has been determined to appeal to the Board of Governors.

Added to a statement of the regulations under which debating societies are to be admitted to the buildings, and which were communicated to the Sec.y to day is the following memorandum —

"The object of the Faculty "in granting the use of a college "room for a debating Society is "educational, viz. to give students "a favorable opportunity for "practicing amongst themselves "the art of public speaking" —

"The permission is therefore intended especially for the benefit of actual students and not of "graduates who have completed "their University education —

"The faculty however has no "objection to graduates or former "members of the University be-"coming members of such

"such a society, but the Society
"as a whole, in accepting the
"Women must take it subject
"to the general regulations of the
Faculty"—

I give you this extract in the
belief that you are not yet
aware of its existence.
We feel this much keenly — If the
doctrine so asserted is confirmed,
Graduates will have to learn
at once that their connection
with the University ceases with
the getting of a degree — The
feeling of resentment is general.

Yours
Very Sincerely
R. D. W. Wilson

McGill College,
Montreal.

January 13/71

My dear Sir

I have had some conversation lately with Dr Wood here on the subject of the subscription for the Theological Schools. We find that persons fine, able and willing to subscribe, are likely to be deterred by the uncertainty which exists as to the future relations of Queen's

college Kingston & the
church, and by the
vague and indefinite
character of the
Scheme promulgated
by the Assembly. The
only chance for the
subscription here will
be to allow subscribers
deputed to designate
their subscriptions to
any one college or
even to any chair
in one college, or

to Princeton. Letting our
children go as they may
decide. I have had
some experience in raising
money for colleges, and
I must say that I
have never seen a
worse scheme than
that of the Appeals.
It utterly wants those
definite and detailed
aims, which draw
out liberality, and
the evil of this is aggravated by the fear

what events that after the money is raised an unfavourable bargain may be made with the Kirk.

I suppose the committee cannot pledge the Assembly as to what may be done with Queen's College, nor as to our money going to the support of professors of the church of Scotland; but I presume it has power to prepare

a scheme of details
for the subscription — as
for instance to mention
as objects for which
subscriptions are solicited
Kings college and the
Montreal College
thing one of certain chairs
to be maintained
in each college
and to be named
in accordance with
the wishes of the
benefactors or benefactors and a
certain amount.

A scheme for congregations
priority & endowment
chairs, &c

A scheme for bursaries,
& scholarships

Library extension in connection with the Colleges.

Building accommodation within certain limits.

Donations to a generic College Fund to organise the Colleges.

Such a detailed Scheme being prepared and its parts duly explained, would at once draw out the money required, and the special connection of subscriptions with certain

objects would unless all fear of the money being diverted to other uses in event of raising unless the committee can do something of this kind, I fear the labours of the agent of the Assembly will be unavailing.

I take the liberty of mentioning these points to you, as the results of some experience, and from a strong wish that you would do what you can to prevent time being lost, as I fear

Copy D. Bom
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it may thus be
desirable to press upon
the members of the
church an unfavorable plans

I regret very much
that we are from Montreal seems able to
attend the meetings
but I trust you will
be led to a
wise decision.

Truly yours
W. Dawson

Rev George Bom
&c &c

McGill College.
Montreal.

Private

Mr George Brown

Toronto. 5 July 1872

My Dear Sir

I have intended writing you every day since I received your letter — but my brother's absence in Europe throws much business on my shoulders.

I was glad to learn your sentiments on the College Endowment question & we made good use of your letter at the meeting of the Committee.

You can draw no safe inference from the conclusion arrived at by the Committee — or rather from the apparent conclusion of the Committee. Every one saw the absurdity

of the position into which the Church had got by the undue forcing on of the union question — but how to get out of the difficulty was the question. The Church had endorsed union & had ordered the Committee to collect money for two colleges, with the probability that other two colleges would be soon thrown upon the body in a shape most unacceptable to the great mass of our people; and as the Assembly had ordered the thing to go on, the decision was great to go on. But then came the question — would the movement succeed? of that there was very great doubt, nay almost a certainty

that it would utterly fail. And what if it failed — would that be worse than postponement? A majority of two would not look at that — the ~~Synod~~ Assembly had ordered the movement must be made — the matter was sent back to the sub-committee with instructions to move on.

The sub-committee has met & under these instructions has called a meeting of all the office-bearers of the several churches in Toronto to discuss the matter & commence the subscriptions. The result is awaited with much curiosity — but ~~the~~ no one seems to doubt that it will be a thorough failure.

To me the folly of the whole movement ~~is to~~ seems so manifest that I am at a loss to comprehend how sensible men can entertain it for a moment. But somehow churchmen when they take up a hobby, ride it recklessly.

Pray pardon this incoherent note. I am writing at half past one in the morning, while waiting for proof, & I am awfully sleepy.

Yours truly
Geo: Brown

Principal Dawson

Sherbrooke Street 7th Feby

My dear Dr Dawson

I thank you for the good news you sent me last evening. It has solved a problem which has given me a good deal of uneasiness — a few endowments like Sir William's would make the University what it ought to be — I am sorry I have had so little opportunity for conversation with you — but my arrangements and expectations have met with general dislocation. I hope on my next visit to do better. With kind regards I remain

yours sincerely

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C. D. Day
Sept 72

15 St Lambert Street
Montreal 16 Feby 1872

My dear Dr Dawson

I have no objection to your mentioning the endowment of the Geological Chair.

Yours truly
W. E. Logan

Ch D Day

McGill College,
Montreal.

Feb 28 1872

My dear Judge Day,

Sir William Logan passed in my hands a few days ago a letter announcing his wish to complete the endowment of the Logan chair of Geology, and to pay over the money so soon as accepted

of the Board. I think
~~the~~ thing should be
settled at once
I have asked Mr
Baynes to get
anything to call
a meeting of the
governors for next
week that they
may accept the
endowment and

have it paid over
Sir William stipulates
that I shall be the
first "Logan Professor"
and that in event
of any change taking
place during his life-
time he shall be
consulted in the choice
of a successor. To this
I fancy there will be
no objection.

I am moving on

friends as much as I can to induce some one to endow the chair of Mental & Moral Philosophy. I am very apprehensive that we shall fail to secure a good man for the sum we offer, and if I could secure say $1800 or $2000 instead of $1200 I think I could get a good man pledged to give some life and stimulus much needed to the Philosophical and literary part of our work. If we could give the sum I have mentioned we could secure Murray of Kingston or an equally good man from Britain.

Do you think it would be safe to advise the Board as follows:—

1 To separate finally the Chemical & Gas Dep't from the Polytechnic Stay for the Polytechnic Gas Dep't $600 per Ann.

2 To pay $600 for Chemical fees

3 To separate Dep't for the Ind School at Dep't $300

4 To offer Dep't $600 Un if not at Pol

Depart Gas Engineer with Prof Kelly Ms and the rest of the

Wholesale
Fruit for Miss
Lewis.

$2 PER AN. IN ADVANCE

MEMORANDUM.

GOOD ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

FROM

OFFICE BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN,

TORONTO, CANADA.

C. Blackett Robinson, Publisher & Proprietor.

TORONTO, 28th Feb 1872

To Rev. Dr. Dawson, Montreal.

My dear Sir — I am to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt from you of Nov. Vol. to B.A.P.

With reference to the College question I trust that our journal will take a position which shall meet the approval of Presbyterians East & West — at least the large majority.

Being perfectly independent of all parties in the church, we shall hear all in a spirit of fair-play — determined to act impartially to individuals as well as localities.

Would afford me pleasure to see the Quebec Presbyterians make use of the Columns of the B.A.P. to place their views of the various questions

affecting the interests of the C. P. Church before their brethren of the Ministry and I also trust that your other duties will allow you only to be a frequent contributor.

Yours Faithfully,

W. Blackett Robinson

W. Robinson
Aug/92

McGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL.

Feb 29. 1892

My dear Sir,

I shall have much pleasure in laying your favour of the 28th inst. before the Board of Governors at its next meeting, which will probably be on this day week.

My suggestion to which you kindly refer was I think that the endowment should be invested and its income devoted to an Exhibition to be called a The Scott Exhibition, inste-

tuted in honour of Sir Walter Scott & the Caledonian Society of Montreal", and to be annually competed for by students in the Department of Practical Science in an examination of which English language and Literature shall always form part. Should you approve of this I shall mention it in this way to the Board.

There will be no difficulty as to keeping the subscription open; and I presume the Board will appoint a committee to confer with you ~~and~~ or any committee the Society may appoint as to the transfer of the library and the signing of the necessary papers

Cap L Thomas
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L&R Cb
Feb/72

Notes —

1 I think the only guarantee for the permanency and efficiency of such an institution at present would be to arrange for its affiliation to the University, as the Govt has done with the Normal School, and as the Subscribers to the Hannah Lyman Memorial fund have done with their endowment. This would not interfere with the independent management of the fund, and would be the only feasible means of securing educational efficiency. Would also give impetus to public & day

Yours my opinion that the right to make it enter into such affiliation

should have been included in the Act; but as I was not aware of the fact of the Act till it was in print I had no opportunity formally to suggest this.

The Act should also have given power to unite with or attach to the Institute other Schools, professorships, teacherships or endowments on conditions not subversive of those of the original

foundation. In this way the institute might have an admirable capacity for growth and extension.

With reference to the Will I think it can be made to work well though some details seem to me to conflict. A little with each other. Shelden hum ~~that~~ a large structure left with the trustees It might be well ~~to~~ give the trustees a general direction to accommodate all matters of sex, residence and

condition of teachers and their numbers and salaries to the circumstances which may arise.

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Glenbrooke 7th May
1872

My Dear Dr Dawson

I recd your letter and ~~had~~ was glad to hear what I hoped. that the Convocation was a success. I read your address and Goldwin Smith's with much interest.

The movement of the graduates which looks like a deliberate design to get rid

of

a controversy with the
Authorities of the University is
uncomfortable and I fear under
you it may do mischief
- We must meet it however
firmly and temperately and
hope for the best - It is very
difficult for me to leave
home at present for a variety
of reasons, but the only one
which makes me hesitate in
naming a day is the state
of my sisters health - She
is no worse but not much

if

if any better and the turn of an hour may have a fatal result - I will however write to you again Friday & if she is no worse will fix a day some time next week to go in -

Mrs Day joins in kind regards to all and I remain

Yours sincerely

O B Day

Sat May 1/72

Private

Ottawa 20th May 72

My dear Dr Dawson

When in Montreal last I looked into Mr Baynes Books, and saw the muddle the Auditors got into & was glad to find that the Commissioners had ordered him to restore them as before, I am perfectly satisfied that the Commissioners cannot do better than retain Mr Baynes as at present at $800 he works for every cent of it & it is very important to have a responsible man like Mr

Baynes as Book Keeper & Treasurer
he would do the Secretaryship
for one hundred Dollars more,
but I suppose Mr Sunn must
remain and get $300 — I write
you this private letter as I
will not be home for your
Meeting for Thursday first —
We have a Senator Carroll
from B. C. a graduate of Mc
Gill College, will you be
so kind as send me by mail
<u>without Stamps</u> all that
you think will interest

him, I have been telling
him about School of Science
how & all you have done
as the moving power of
McGill University —

Yours truly
J. Ferrier

Dr Dawson &c,

Zerne
May/78

Rev Dr Cook
Oct 1/72

Dear Sir

I have had several visits from a young man named Soucy – anxious to be admitted to study in Morrin College, but who lies under the unfortunate stigma of having been expelled from the Presbyterian Theological College, Montreal.

Both from his account, and from that Professor Weir reports of Dr McVicar's account, I am inclined to think that he has been hardly dealt with. It is clear to me that he could know nothing of the philosophy of the 17th & 18th centuries, except what was in his text book – and that nothing was more likely than that he should commit to memory, what he had imperfectly understood and digested at his age. I could never deem what he says he did in that respect without any difficulty. Then it is plain that a Professor should have been in the

room all the time — and as it was, if on the first suspicion arising, his papers had been put aside, & he requested then and there, to get another copy, all difficulty would have been avoided. Either he would have shown himself able, or unable, and a sentence which excludes him from every seminary of the kind would have rested not on presumptions, but on incontrovertible evidence. Very possibly I may be judging without clear knowledge of the case. But I am sorry for the young man — and would like to know from you whether the sentence could be so modified as to admit either his return to Montreal which would be most desirable for him or his admission into our classes.

I would like to know from you, whether you know any person

who could give a course of lectures
course of Chemistry — on Geology and
Mineralogy, & on what terms the
services of such Lecturers or Lecturer
could be obtained. With what the College
would do — and fees — and subscriptions
such as I would set about raising. I
think a sufficient sum could be
obtained — though we be quite unable
as yet to appoint a Regular Professor.
I am desirous to turn to account my
respect of these two branches — as also of
Mathematics, the sum we shall receive
from the Marriage Licence Fund, and
hope to have considerable classes, though
of young men not at all purposing to
go through a Regular Educational
course. Excuse this trouble which
however I know you will not account
a trouble

I due what I could to have
the Council of Public Instruction
recommend to the Government a
special grant to your Second School, but

failed. The subject was however mooted and discussed. and I think you would do well to petition the Legislature when it meets.

I think moreover that we should get up a petition from the Contributors of all the Colleges, and from all others who can or could be induced to take an interest in the matter, to obtain a grant of lands for the endowment of these Colleges. Parliament gives liberally to Railway Companies. I think it might be induced to give to us — and perhaps such grant might ultimately turn out of substantial value. Will you tell me what you think of this, — & believe me, with best respects to Mrs Dawson, and all the family. Dear Sir

Yours truly & ever
John Cook

Quebec 14th Oct. /72

Dr. Dawson
&c &c

8th nov 1872

dear Sir last march you wrote me that a master of arts of 12 yrs stand/ may take the degree of LL.D in course on complying with certain other conditions specified. now this is with the time I wish to deal. It is true that my m.a. is only 1868 but my b.a. is 1856. I entered the university in november 1853, 19 years ago graduated b.a. 1856 b.c.l 1859 came to the bar here in oct 1860 and in Toronto in may 1861. It is very well known that I was then so crippled with study that I was for a long time unable to continue any severe mental application after the date last mentioned. Infact I had to give up for a time all study. I was six years attending solely to my health. In 1868 I took my m.a. and in the fall of the same year I began to study medicine, induced principally thereto by a strong desire to know the human frame sufficiently to understand my own particular case and to protect and improve my health and to prolong my life as far as possible. I have been now four years at the study

of medicine and hope to graduate next spring. From the foregoing you will perceive that I have passed ten sessions in the university and am taking another this winter and that next spring it will be pretty near 20 years since I entered the University and 17 years from since my B.A. so that a longer interval has elapsed in my case than the statute requires of one who takes his M.A. as soon as he is entitled thereto and then proceeds to LL.D. I think that no essential objection should be taken to my competition for LL.D on account of only five years having elapsed since my M.A. The statute is complied with in spirit if not in the letter, and without injury to any one the Governors of the University might in my case suspend the statute as far as the twelve years are concerned. Quite a number

of young men of my acquaintance who graduated in Toronto, who are younger in years and in study also have received the degree of LL.D. and I do not believe the Governors of the University will stand on a technicality such as the one I am discussing and refuse me the privilege I ask.

Requesting you to take into consideration the various facts I have above mentioned and kindly a reply at your leisure

I remain yrs truly
John Robert McLaren
M.A.

J.W. Dawson Esq
LL.D. F.R.S.
&c &c &c
University McGill College

525 Sherbrooke Street

Mr Larson
Nov/72

abt Thos Molson

McGill College.
Montreal. Nov 18/72

My dear Mrs Molson,

I wish to mention to you that if your good father should meditate any additional benefaction to the college this winter, I would strongly urge on him the claims of the Museum. I say if, for I do not wish to ask from one who has done so much, but merely to give direction to anything he may design. We want the Museum room to your father; but I may say that its contents have been accumulated by my own labour and at my own expense, except in so far as a small amount of fees

obtained by my lectures to
medical students, has
been devoted to this
use. Now I am beginning
to feel more than before
the burden of the mass
of work which is thrown
upon me. It is simply
a question of time how
long I can hold out,
and I have felt this les-
sen a perceptible diminution
of my working power.
I do not hesitate such when
so many things need help

work of the museum any
aid from the general funds
of the college. Still it
would be a great relief
to me to be free of the
lectures to medical students
and of some portion of
the museum work. This
might besides enable me
of course to follow up
my lectures to the Ladies'
Association & taking up
Zoology or Geology in the
next or some subsequent
session. For these reasons

I venture to mention this matter to you in case it might be in your power to aid.

Mr Hunt has mentioned to me that he had written to you as to his difficulties in Boston. I think he is unduly depressed, and have strongly advised him to make as light as possible of present hindrances and look at the brilliant future open to him in a position for which I believed at his age have been too thankful.

With all kind regards
Yours truly
J W Dawson