

Montreal, 2nd January, 1872.

Dr. D. Munson

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 prosecution 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.

Sturtevant
May 1778

Sturtevant, May 1778

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the purchase of the Sturtevant Collection, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. Sturtevant

Yours very truly,

J. STURTEVANT

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C. P. DAVIDSON,
Advocate,
COMMISSIONER FOR ONTARIO, &c.
Offices:
MONTREAL
and
HUNTINGDON.

P. O. Box 391.

Montreal 9 January 1872 -

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of yesterday.

Might they that 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 now 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

C. P. DAVIDSON

Esq.

CHURCHILL HOUSE, ST. JAMES'S PLACE, LONDON, W.

DEAR SIR,

Yours of the 10th inst. is received.

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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 intrust the bears into any letters that the Secretary is to receive, with respect to matters in question.

Very Truly Yours,

P. Davidson

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 ~~me~~ subject of the 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 conveyed his satisfaction by a very hearty shake of the hands and some very kind words, as did also several members near ^{in the speaker's} stand - which I occupied. - You will find from some papers I mail you today that our cherished creed 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 much to say

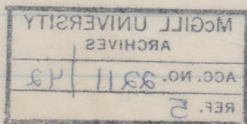
with a friend & a member of the House
that any government reports we want
for the Cuckoo or Natural History Society
we can obtain on application to him.

Trusting you, Mrs Hanson and
family are quite well

I am, Dear Doctor,
Very truly yours
Ch. Beola

Before leaving, I wrote Whiteaves
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 Hanson
L. L.



Dear Mr. [unclear]
 I have the pleasure to inform you that
 your application for membership in the
 [unclear] has been approved and you are
 now a member of the [unclear]
 I am, dear doctor,
 very truly yours
 A. [unclear]

I have the pleasure to inform you that
 your application for membership in the
 [unclear] has been approved and you are
 now a member of the [unclear]

Principal Secretary
 [unclear]

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H Davidson

McGill College,
Montreal.

July 11/72

C. P. Davidson Esq
President Union St Sch

My dear Sir,

I enquired
more particularly yesterday
into the unfortunate aff-
air which has occurred
with reference to the
use of the William West.
in Hall for your debate,
and would especially
direct your attention to two
points in the matter
which I had overlooked
1) The permission to use

the name of a Society
must be that of the
Principal and the
Society; but in the
case of the ordinary
meetings the Society
had put ~~it~~ its power
into my hands on
notice of the subject being
sent to me. This
was not the case
as to public meetings
in the Motion Hall
for which the ~~joint~~
is separate business.

was still required. I doubt
of this difference was
fully before the mind
of your secretary. You
remove the difficulty
I have said to the Faculty
that in future I shall
waive all right as
to the ordinary meetings
and their subjects can
be discussed with it

(2) I know in the
ambulation that you
contemplate a number
of public meetings ^{as a whole} ~~which~~

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that
 of held in the winter
 which would be very
 burdensome & our few
 and overworked at-
 tendants, as well as at-
 tended with some ex-
 pense and inconvenience
 relating to the other
 uses of the hall should
 therefore suggest that
 if so many meetings are
 to be held some other
 place should be engaged
 for the public meetings, and
 I shall gladly accept my son
 as a member for a few
 shillings as to the expense
 of this

I think that the other way
 is better & will be the best
 of all
 Yours
 J. D. Owen

Private
P. D. Davis
July 1872



Montreal

11/July 1872 -

My Dear Sir,

I am concerned to learn that the 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 have to admit never occurred to me, as to the attendants we have always received paid them for any services rendered.

I have frankly to confess
that in my opinion it is un-
desirable for the Society to go
outside for accommodation
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 & under-
graduates 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 pro-
posed 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 com-
municated to the Sect^y body 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
"woman must take it subject
to the general reputations 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,
A. W. Wilson

A. W. Wilson

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McGill College,
Montreal.

July 13/71

My dear Sir

I have had
some conversation lately
with Dr Mac Lean on
the subject of the
Subscription for the
Theological Schools.
We feel that persons
here, able and willing
to subscribe, are
being deterred
by the uncertainty which
exists as to the future
relations of Queen's

College Rector & the
Church, and of the
vague and indefinite
character of the
Scheme promulgated
by the Assembly. The
only chance for the
Subscription here will
be to allow subscribers
deputies & delegates
then subscribers to
any one college or
even to any chair
in one college, or

to Thursday, taking on
building 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 Agency.
It really wants three
definite and detailed
aims, which draw
out liberality, and
the evil of this is ag-
gravated by the fear

what exists that after
the money is raised
an inflexible 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

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a scheme of details
for the Subscriptions - as
for instance to mention
as spots for which
Subscriptions are to be held
King College and the
Montreal College

they are of certain chairs
to be maintained
in each college
and to be raised
in accordance with
the wishes of a
benefactor, & a
certain amount.

A scheme for congregations
privately & several
chairs, &c.

A scheme for messengers
& scholarships

Library veterans in
connection with
the colleges,

Building accommodations
within certain limits.

Invitations to a general
college fund
to equalize the
colleges.

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

objects would remove
all fear of the navy
being diverted & other
uses in event of war,
unless the committee
can do something of
this kind, I fear
the labors of the
agent of the assembly
will be unavailing.

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

Copy to B. B. B. B.
July 1772

it may through
dearings & free upon
the members of the
church an
palatable plans

I regret very much
that no one for months
real seems able to
attend the meetings
but I trust you will
be led to a
wise decision.

Yours truly

Samuel B. B.

W. D. W.

Private

Wm George Brown
Toronto, 5 July 1872

My dear Sir

I have intended writing you every day since I received your letter - but my mother'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 unions
& 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 un-
acceptable to the great
mass of our people; and
as the Assembly had ordered
the thing to go on, the desire
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 post some
men? A majority of two
would not look at that
- the ~~Assembly~~ Assembly had
ordered & the movement
must be made - ^{to 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
London to discuss the
matter & commence the
subscriptions. The result is
awaited with much cur-
iosity - but ~~there~~ 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 compre-
hend how sensible men
can entertain it for a
moment. But some know
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
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Sherbrooke Street 7th Feb'y

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 Dr Wallace's
would make the University what
it ought to be - I am sorry I
have had so little opportunity for
conversations with you - but I my
anxieties and expectations have
met ~~at~~^{with} general dislocation. I hope
on my next visit to do better. With
kind regards I remain
Yours sincerely
W. B. Bay

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C. J. Day
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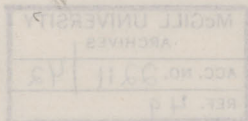
15 St Lambert Street
Montreal 16 Feb 1872

My dear W. Dawson

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

Yours truly

H. E. Logan



To your
Very truly
Yours

12th March 1842
16th Feb 1842
My dear Mother
I have no objection to your
maintaining the subscription
the College of St. Mary
from your
Wm. J. [unclear]

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McGill College,
Montreal.

Chas Day

Feb 28/72

My dear Judge Day,
Lu William
Loyson pleased in my
hands a few days
ago a letter announcing
his wish to complete
the endowment of
the Loyson Chair
of geology, and to pay
over the money
to him as accepted

of the Board. As I think
the thing should be
settled at once
I have asked Mr
Byrnes to get
anything to call
a meeting of the
members in next
week that this
may accept the
endowment and

have it paid over
Dr 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 endorse 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 any \$1800 or \$2000
instead of \$1200 I think
I could get a first man
poet to give some life
and stimulus much needed
to the Philosophical and
Literary part of our works
If we could give the sum
I have mentioned we could see
one Murray of Kingston or an
equally good man from Britain.

Wharfedale
Fruit for Miss
Dunlop -

MEMORANDUM.

FROM

OFFICE BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN,

TORONTO, CANADA.

C. Blackett Robinson, Publisher & Proprietor.



TORONTO, 28th Feb 1872

To Rev. Dr. Deussen,
Montreal.

My dear Sir, - I have to acknowledge, with thanks,
the receipt from you of \$1000 due to B.A.P.
With reference to the College question I trust that
our journal will take a position such shall
meet the approval of Presbyterians East &
West - at least the large majority.

Being perfectly independent of all
parties in the Church, we shall treat
all in a spirit of fair-play - deter-
mined to act impartially to individuals
as well as localities.

It will afford me pleasure to see the Presby-
terian make use of the columns of the
B.A.P. to place their views of the various ques-
tions

affecting the interests of the C.P. Church
before their brethren the W.M. and I also
trust that your other duties will allow
you to be a frequent contribu-
tor.

Yours faithfully,
Wm. L. Garrison

W. L. Garrison
New York

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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 & be called 'The Scott Exhibition, inste-



tuted in honor of Sir
"Walter Scott of the Coler
dunian Society of Montreal";
and to be annually con
ducted for 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~~ any
committee the Society
may appoint as to
the transfer of the
money and the signing
of the receiving paper

Cy & Mary
18/92

Notes of Repall
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1826
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Notes —

I think the only guarantee
for the perpetuity 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
Lubbock & the Hannah Spear
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
to secure educational efficiency.
I would also give my opinion to the Govt
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 provisions
of the Act till it was
in print I had no opportunity
of suggesting
them.

The Act should also
have given power to
write with or attach
to the Institute other
schools, professorships, teacher-
ships or endowments or
conditions not subservient
of those of the original

Condition of teachers and
their numbers and
salaries to the circum-
stances which may
arise.

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Glenbrooke 7th May
1872

My dear Dr Dawson

I recd your letter and
was glad to hear what
I hoped that the benevolence
was a success - I read your
address and Golden Rule
with much interest -

The movement of the
graduates which looks like
a deliberate design to set up

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a controversy with the
Authorities of the University of
Cambridge and I fear unless
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 sister's health - She
is no worse but not much

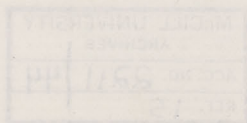
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if any better and the time
of an hour may have a
fatal result - I will however
write to you again Friday &
if she is no more will fix
a day some time next
week to go in -

Mrs Day joins in kind
regards both and I remain

Yours sincerely

Edw Day



July 1942

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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 Commis-
sioners 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 ^{only} \$800 he
works for every cent of it &
it is very important to have
a responsible man like Mr

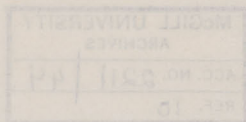
Baynes as Book Keeper & Treasurer
he would do the Secretaryship
for one hundred Dollars more,
but I suppose Mr Lunn must
remain and get \$300 - I write
you this private letter as I
will not be home for your
meeting for Thursday first -

We have a Senator Carroll
from B. C. a graduate of Mc
Gill College, will you be
so kind as send me by mail
without stamps all that
you think will interest

er him, I have been telling
him about School of Science
res, how & all you have done,
with as the moving power of
rite McGill University ~

Yours truly

Dr Dawson, J. Service



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Reverend Cook
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Dear Sir

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

I got from his account, and from
that Professor Weir reports of Dr Mc Vicar's
account, & 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, ex-
cept 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, & could have done what he
says he did in that respect without
any difficulty. Then it is plain that
a Professor should have been in the

Who could give a three or four months
course of Chemistry - or of Geology and
Mineralogy, & on what terms the
services of such Lecturers or Lecturers
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 in
respect of these two branches - as also of
Mathematics, the sum we shall receive
from the Marryat Decem Fund, and
hope to have considerable class, 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 did wish I could to have
the Council of Public Instruction
recommend to the Government, a
special grant to your Science School, but

failed the subject was however modest
and circumstantial. 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
authorities of all the colleges, and
from all others who ever could be
induced to take an interest in the
matter, to obtain a grant of lands for
the encloement of these colleges. Parliament
gives liberally to Railway Companies.

I think it might be inducive to give
to us — and perhaps such grant might
ultimately turn out of substantial
value. will you tell me what you
think of this, — I believe me, with
best respects to Mrs Dawson, and all
the family. Dear Sir

Very Truly Yours

John Cook

Dr. Dawson
& c

Quebec 14th Oct 1872

8th Nov 1872

Dear Sir
Last March you wrote me that a
master of arts of 17 yrs stand^t may take the
degree of L.L.D. in course on complying with
certain other conditions specified, now it 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.e.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. In fact I had to give
up for a time all study. I was six years
absent solely to my health. In 1868 I
took my m.a. and in the fall of the same
year 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 possessed 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 S.L.D. I think
that no essential objection should
be taken to my competition for S.L.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 studies
also have received the degree
of S.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.

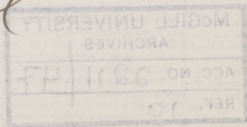
Requesting you to take into
consideration the various facts I
have above mentioned and sending
a reply at your leisure

I remain yrs truly
John Robert M. Larn

W. Dawson Esq

L.S.D. F.S.S. } 525 Sherbrooke Street
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at the
Mrs. Molson

McGill College,
Montreal.

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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 wish to give
direction to anything he may
design. We owe the Museum
room to your father; but
I may say that its contents
have been accumulated by my
own labour and ^{at my own} 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 doubly
a question of time how
long I can hold out,
and I have felt this des-
tine a perceptible diminution
of my working power.
I do not however wish when
so many things need help

to ask of the Governors 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 enable me
of wish to follow up
my lectures to the Ladies'
Association of taking up
Zoology or Geology in the
next or some subsequent
Session. For three years

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
wonderfully 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 should at his age have been
too thankful.

With all kind regards
Yours truly
W. Weston