

Petit Quebec 31 Aug 1877 -

Dr. Dawson
Montreal

Dear Sir
My daughter left
by steamer yesterday
with Professor Murray
for West Normal School

Yours respectfully
John Macmillan

McGILL UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES
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Durham

Sweetbush, 10 Oct
77.

My dear Principal, four of
the 8th, forwarded from home,
reached me here this morning.
I left to come here on Monday
morning; I should have written
to you before starting, had I
been able. But I was busy
every instant; I besides, could
not make at all time as to
the possibility or otherwise of
my getting into town for Sat-
urday. I cannot, even now.
My term here extends over next
Monday; I am almost the last
moment, I cannot foretell
the possibility of my breaking
away. All I can say, is, that
if I find I anyhow can, I
will come in either Friday
evening or Saturday morn-

ing. But, only a few hours
after getting your note, a
new difficulty presented it-
self. My nephew drove over
to tell me my former foreman
is down with typhoid fever.
Mr. Dunkin did not exactly
dare go home with him, leav-
ing me here indefinitely. But
he will have to go home to-
morrow morning, hoping to
return before night. And it
may be that this new trouble
may force me to spend
Sabbath (if take-able from
here) at home, instead of at
Montreal.

I assure you I have been
almost all my life anxious to con-
trive to get away this month.
Even as regards Corporation
meeting for the 24th, I find
myself forced to give the 25th
& two following days to ju-
dicial duty at Watford. And

in order to reach Waterloo for
the 25th, I must (if going from
Iowa) start from the depot
by 3 P.M. of the 24th. Still,
I cling to the hope of getting
in somehow between this
& then, come what come may.

As to your idea of an inter-
im report, I confess myself
wholly at a loss. If we could
meet, I have no doubt we
could understand each other.
But my impression ^{is} that any
reporting proper to the Corps
would do harm at the
present; would just revive the
opposition there & in the news-
papers. My notion in coming
in was to start our Committee
only, in the direction of con-
sultation & inquiry; of course,
seeing & sounding Mr. Vican
& the rest; & maybe getting
the first steps taken for
formal conference with

the Theol. College, or Denominational authorities.

I have never thought of getting up or any way having further talk in Corporation, till such time as we (who want the thing done) see our way to the doing of it. I fear any other such talk would just be the old story over again, - I would throw us back no end. Of course, I am disappointed that we are as far behind hand as we are. I had hoped to be able to do ever so much, long before now. But, really & truly, I have not been able. While you & so many others were out of town, they going in would have been ~~best~~ & useful. And since you have been back, - between judicial work & other work to a good deal of rather serious prolixity, I have been lit-

cially unable to stay in the
matter. Next month I
have arranged to get free
from terms in the Country;
I hope I must (if this sad
illness of my man, Traver,
does not upset everything)
to spend a good deal of time
in town. Even you, my dear
friend, cannot be much more
anxious about all this Col-
lege matter than I am. I
grieve at your feeling so "de-
pressed," though I can't won-
der at it; for I feel more
anxious than I like to be,
myself. And anxiety is a
sort of depression. I feel it
too, about a lot of other mat-
ters, — my own sad ineffici-
ency for so much that I want
to be useful about, in espe-
cial.

It occurs to me that per-
haps if you could write me
a sketch of the sort of report
you are thinking of, it might
put me better on your track.

But whether or not, I beg you
to be sure that the ~~inst~~
I can any how get in I will,
— that when I get in, no-
thing else shall take prece-
dence with me over these
College matters — & that
of the Degrees, particularly
as of the most important
& ticklish of them all. I still
believe that with patience
& perseverance it can be
handled, & will be.

You say nothing of Povey.
I trust the Science Faculty
matters can be managed, &
will be. From what I see,
I am hopeful of a new turn
of social prosperity. You know
how dark the night is apt
to get just before day break.

I am glad to say, I think
I am rather on the mend a-
gain, as to health, quite lately.
But I have been several times
rather nervous; I have "to
walk softly." We hope all
your house (the Harringtons)

included) are vastly the bet-
ter for your summer. And
do by, my dear friend, to get
as little as you can of the
depressing influence of so
much that is just now pass-
ing round us. After all, you
know, it is only for effort not
for success, that we are answer-
able. And in the highest & best
sense, success of effort may
be said to be certain, however
dimly such certainty may
fail to present itself to our
mental eye.

My wife joins me, in all
good wishes to all about you,
as well as to yourself.

Yours ever most truly,
Christie Burke.

Grant
7 St. James Street
Montreal 22 Oct. 1877

Dear Sir,

You will see by
the enclosed letter which I
received this morning from
Miss S. S. Stewart, that Mr^{rs}
Stewart and Mr^{rs} Ker are both
quite willing that you should
exercise the late Sir W. G. Legon's
privilege with regard to the
appointment of students to

free lectures in the Faculty
of Arts.

Yours very truly,
E. R. Grant

Dr. W. Dawson F.R.S.

Montreal

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Private

Government House

Ottawa

Nov. 5th. 1877.

My dear Dawson

I am very much afraid
it will be impossible for me to
be present at the Souther's
Festival, as there are many
things to render it difficult
for me to go to Montreal at
the present.

I have waited a
little while after receiving
your kind note of the 31st in

order to try and see my way
to getting down, but I fear it is
not possible.

ever yours

Duggins

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Dufferin
No 77

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Ottawa

28 Nov 1877

My dear Sir,

Judge Sutherland
who came to see me
on Monday, mentioned
that a desire existed that
Lord Sufferin should be
received at McGill College
again before he left
Canada, and upon my
saying that I expected
to see His Excellency
on some other matters
to day, asked me to
ascertain when he was
likely to be in Montreal
and if he would visit

the College - I saw
Lord Sufferin and
spoke to him about it.

He will most likely
be in Montreal from
say the middle to the
end of January - say
probably the third week -
and would be very
glad to be present at
McGill if it is so desired.

I therefore write this
note to you to let you
know what I have
done and why I did
so, - I do not write to

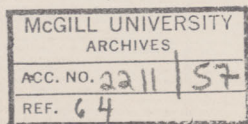
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not aware of he still
in Montreal

Believe me

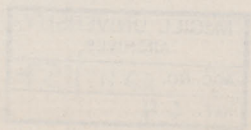
Yrs very truly

C. P. Dudgeon

Dr. Dawson



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My dear Dr Dawson,
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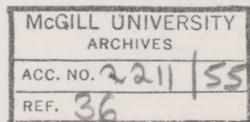
Mr. Fenner has not
been in Montreal for the
last fortnight. He is at Lacrosse
and if the notice of the meeting
has been sent to him doubt-
less he will be there; I have
had the roof of the Glass
Room on the Laboratory side
examined as the fall in
the roof was certainly in-
creased by seven inches
this winter; Roberts was
covered the

roof and found the cross
beam broken in two places
so that it must have
fallen in this winter. It
will be thoroughly repaired
this next week. The timbers
are being prepared & I feel
so thankful that I had
the roof uncovered to see
the actual state instead of
allowing posts & supports

in the class Room - of
course we have to brace up
the ceiling to its level but
I think Roberts will make
a good job - the chimney
is finished & the floors all
in - if you were certain
as to the day of meeting you
might telegraph the judge.
All well and shall be
glad to see you back

The weather is certainly
hotter than the whole
Summer - but a week
may make all the dif-
ference -

Believe me
Ever yours most
truly
W. C. Baynes



Howard Bay

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THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



*To Principal Dawson Hall
McGill College
Montreal*

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McDonald's Corner
Co. Linn

Out

To Principal Dawson

Dear Sir

Would you please
inform me whether
we have French for
2nd yr & he biblms in
Page 16 of Calendar if
is marked in Page 20
it is not mentioned
If you would be so kind
as to let me know you
would oblige me
Yours truly

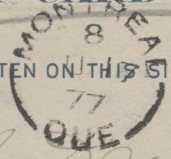
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To *Principal Dawson*

McGill College
Little Metis
P. 2 *Montreal*

British American Bank Note Co. Montreal

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CARRIAGE
INDIAN
DISCOUNT

Sir
Please send
Calendar of ^{WENTVILLE} ^{TRIP} ^{MAU} ^{N.S.} ¹⁸⁷⁴ College
to Yours Respectfully

E. L. Newcombe
Buckley's P.
King Co.
N.S.

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Buznes 6th August 1847.

My dear Dr. Dawson,

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Our letters of the 2^d. crossed
one another on the road, you will
have seen by mine that your in-
structions as to payments and
Balance of Salary were carried out.
The large Collyer Ac. of Dawson Bk.
was paid the last of July so as to
come into the proper session, the
Molson Libray Ac. I was not in
funds to pay but shall attend to
it in part if not in whole as the
interest falls due. I don't quite
understand what is called Special
Ac. I paid in full all that was
in the office with the excep-

of the Nelson Libby Fund of
\$345.⁶⁵ - I will remove the calendar
advertisement which criticises the
opinions of the Faculty and insert
the Faculty of Arts alone - the time
is nearly expired if not entirely
it was for 1 month - On the
15th I will insert the Boarding
House advertisement in the
Witness 3 times a week for a
month - I again mention
the meeting of P. S. if you could
please to remain in Leekes with
Mr. Fenner for a few days to
secure the several subjects

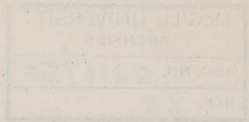
before the Board of Works for the
Normal School which have not
received the least attention, it
would be a great matter - Also
the payment of the Marriage
License Fund the Spoils of
which so many hungry ones
are waiting for. I trust you
will urge the necessity of their
giving the proportion received the
year before last, as the Practical
Science will need all this aid
with its increased expenses.
I was indeed glad to hear that
The University of Princeton had

conferred the degree of Doctor of
Science on you & on George, I do
not know which to congratulate
most - Princeton or George it is
equally creditable to both - probably
as a rule have no honour in their
own Country, and its happy to
see appreciation outside home.

Will you kindly say that few de-
light more than our family in watch-
-ing his well merited success.

It must be a great pleasure to
you all Williams visit and cer-
tainly he has earned a holiday.

With our united kind regards
Believe me Green James's
most truly, W. C. Baynes



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Springfield Aug 3rd

To Pres. McGill College, Montreal

Sir

As I propose taking a course
or a few courses of lectures in
some recognised school of
medicine and would like
to make choice of the best
would you oblige me by
sending me your last
announcement - informing
me also of the probable
cost of board &c in
Montreal & any special
advantages your school may
offer. An early reply will
oblige, yours truly
H. A. McLachlan
Springfield, Ont.

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J. C. McSackler
Chy 107

West Winchester Ont.
August 3rd /77

Dear Sir

Please send me two
Calendars (one for myself and one for
Mr. Rutherford), for next session in
the Arts course

and oblige

Yours truly

Robt. Grant.

The Principal
McGill University
Montreal.

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W. A. Grant
July 1944

Prescriptions
A
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City Drug Store,
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St. Catharines, Ont. *Aug 1st 1877*

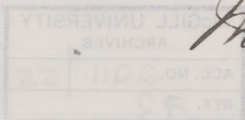
Dear Sir,

Will you be kind
enough to inform me, what
is required of a student
to qualify him for the
examinations in Civil Engineering,
and also how long must
he serve as an article.

I am enquiring for a friend
of mine who intends going to
McGill University. Please
answer & oblige

Yours Respectfully
J. S. Greenwood

McGill Medical Student



Address

Greenwood
July 14/77

To Greenwood

Box 749

St Catharines
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Prayer July
-circumstance. It would have been
right but - I am not quite clear
in every case. I will attend
your directions for the beginning
of next month. Almost all the snow
was away and I am availing
myself of the leisure to work a
little for our gas by making
short excursions where injurias
are being made for this process -
I will attend to Mr. Lewis's letter
the facilities to keep the grounds are
much greater than last year - the
University is found - Mr. Barsalov,
or Prings fence up & the Water
work fence all along my garden -
I got some sea gravel for 32
load & have made a walk along
the Terrace - if I could get a
moving Machine of our own for \$125.

We should be
fair to them.
The Montreal Literary
Club have not got-
ten any but the de-
scriptions of a land
which I can borrow
18/4/77
the safe arrival
of my daughter
& her life & he is
very busy in London
Edw James May
Jes McCarty
Wm Rogers & McMillan
& McMillan



I thought to have sent you
a line, if only to assure you of
our continued quiet, and perfect
health; the usual routine of in-
quiries for calendars & sending
them where any opening occurs -
one or two questions about the
-death sent to Dr Johnson &
Dr Cornish; I enclose a letter which
perhaps you would kindly answer.
I suppose if I had said that it
is not the usage of Corporation
to grant degrees under the cir-

Syracuse, N. Y., July 13, 1877.

Chancellor Dawson L.L.D.

Dear Sir:

Will you do me the favor to say if L.L.D. can be conferred ^{by} ad eundem or in any other way, Mc. Gill College on a graduate of another Coll. ? My L.L.D. was honorary; Ph. D. I took on examination at Syracuse University; but being an Englishman wish instead an English or Canadian degree; not an addition to those I have.

Excuse the liberty I have taken in writing.

I remain,
Yours Respy.,
J. L. Burrows,
Rector of Evang. Church.

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Burns
July 194

Little Meets
W.7. Threlk. Esq

Royal Gardens, Kew.

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~~McGill College~~
~~Montreal~~

Parciple & M. Dawson

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On Her Majesty's Service.

~~Notes forwarded~~

John Wood
John Wood

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July 11/77



July 7, 1877

My dear Sir

In the absence of his
Joseph Hooker who has just
started for a tour in
America extending to the
Rocky Mountains and
Colorado, I write to
acknowledge the receipt

of a parcel of plants
collected during the survey
of the British North
American Boundary Commission
Prof. Olin has made a
memorandum that all
duplicates remaining after
the selection of the
specimens required for

THE NEW BOTANICAL GARDEN
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
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the New Herbarium,

shall be forwarded to

Mr Gile collect

Believe me

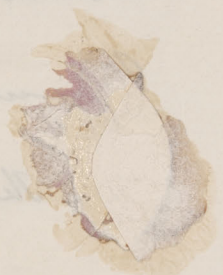
Yours faithfully

W. T. Hiselton Dorr

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Hilobryum
This is from
the collection

Bolton
The following
is the list of



Mr
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Easton Penn^a
July 4th 1777

Dear Sir;

Since I have had neither the pleasure nor the opportunity of being acquainted with your Honour, I hope that the liberty I now take in thus addressing you, will be found Excusable.

Last month I finished my Collegiate course in your City, and now my highest ambition is to acquire a knowledge of law; whether I will have the honour of pursuing a course

of the same in your
renowned College or not,
I am unable to state

However if you will have
the kindness to send me a
Catalogue or Prospectus of
Mc. Gill College I shall be
ever obliged to you and for
the same I now offer you
many thousand thanks

With the hope that you
will be able to send me
the above stated objects

I remain yours affectionately

Michael J. Prendergast

No. 132 South fifth St

Easton Penna

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July 1777

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Mr Bayot

McGILL UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES
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3 The Crescent
Salford
Manchester
England
3rd July 1877

Sir,
Would you kindly
inform me whether the
University of McGill
Montreal would grant me
the Degree of h L D

or MA in absentia, and
if so, on what conditions.

I am a BA of Trinity
College Dublin, and a
Clergyman of the Church
of England.

I attended the
Lectures both of the
Professor of England Law,

To

and of Civil law at
Dublin, and I am
now of standing to take
the Degrees there of
LLB. LL.D and MA

I am
Yours Faithfully
Edmund B. Bagot

Curate of St Philips
Salford

To the Secretary
McGill University
Montreal

Quebec
June 20th

My dear Professor Dawson,

I sent you a message
yesterday by my aid de camp
Mr. Stephenson, but perhaps it may
be as well to avoid all mis-
apprehension as to its purport
by myself writing to you these
few lines.

It is not quite in accordance
with Constitutional principles
for the Governor general to receive
deputations except in reference
to purely personal or formal
subjects. Directly they touch upon
matters affecting the practical

interest of any ^{part} of the Queen's ^{wishes} subjects, the proper way for ^{them} to be brought to his notice is by a petition to the Governor General in Council, as any other mode of procedure would imply that he is empowered to intervene *proprio motu* & otherwise than under the advice of his responsible Ministers.

It was only the other day that for the foregoing reasons I declined to receive a deputation from Montreal respecting the removal of the Geological Museum.

In fact if you consider the matter carefully you will see that numberless inconveniences might arise were once the representatives of the Crown in this Country

to adopt such a course as that
suggested in your communication

I hope you will excuse
this rather hasty exposition of
my reasons for denying myself
the pleasure of receiving you
and your friends

Believe me, my dear
Professor Dawson, remain

Yours sincerely

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June 1977

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April 30th 1871

My dear Sir

I have not the slightest doubt that Sweeney worked hard to obtain his standing. i.e. as hard as his outside work would allow him -

This I judge from the man's character and statements combined with his answering and what I know of his ability - But we cannot give credit for what we believe to be hard work alone - And his answering was such that I believe he will have no

Chance of his Degree
next year unless he
does his work over
again very thoroughly
during the coming
summer.

If he had been good
in other subjects there
might have been a
Chance for him - but
he has failed in Moral
Philosophy also -

The following is the return
of his standing: -

Greek	42	III	Phetic Exempt
Latin	52	II	
Math Phys	f		Phetic Exempt
Exp Phys	Exempt		
Moral Ph	f		Phetic Exempt
Zoology	38	III	

He will evidently require
to give full attention
to all his subjects next
year —

His marks will be
were 48 — the next
lowest being 26 —
and that was Taylor (E)!.

In order to get the 48,
his marks in Hydrostatics
were doubled. — as he
had exemption from
Optics.

Yours very truly

Alexander Johnson

J. S. Of course, it is understood
that I approve of his getting
a Suppl^t in September next

P.S. I have sent the
second revise of the
"Examination Lists" to
Beckett by Hamilton -
After one more revise it
may be printed off
and I think might
be distributed this
evening to the papers.

A. J.

R. D. D. D.

92 Governor Road,
Cananbury
April 18th '77

My dear Dr. Dawson

Your kind favor of
29th ult. has duly come to hand. As
I know that I am mainly indebted to
your kind representations for the
salutatory result of the meeting of
the Governors, in so far as it concerned
me, I offer you my sincere thanks for
the same. My son duly communicated
your message to me, but I am different
as regards acknowledging the kindness
of the Governors as I think I ought to do,
until Mr. Baynes sends me official
intimation of it. I would be grateful
if you would give this matter some
consideration.

I am, and Hebrew students
hereafter will be, greatly indebted to
you, for obtaining for us at least
the nucleus of a Semitic Collection in
Mcgill College Library. If small, I trust
it may, like Semitic learning in our day,

go on increasing - certainly until now
this most important and interesting branch
of knowledge has not been as well represented
on our library shelves.

I was very pleased indeed
to hear that young Vineberg took the
Primary Prize in the Medical School, under
such creditable circumstances. Of foreign
extraction, with few or no opportunities
for improvement, in a distant village, and
with a most imperfect knowledge of English,
he presented himself to me some three or four
months before the matriculation examination
in medicine, to ask my opinion as to the
probability of his qualifying himself for the same.
With the high opinion I had of his qualities,
even then, I recommended him to place himself
under a very able teacher - who has since
left Montreal; and with a perseverance and
devotion worthy of all praise, he not only
passed a very creditable matriculation examination,
as I was assured by the Professors, but from
that day has "proceeded from strength to strength"
with the most satisfactory result. His
case might justly be cited to show students
what labor, perseverance and undivided
devotion to high aims may accomplish
under the most adverse circumstances
- and there have been his, most certainly.
I heard of his success from himself also, for
he knows I take much interest in him.

As there is no pressing
necessity for my return to Montreal before

the end of May, I think that, in accordance
with advice generally given me, I shall
not leave England until then. We certainly
should have fared genial weather at that time.
I have been in all necessary communication
with Mr. Buff since the fall as regards
the Clapes, Examinations &c. Mr. Buff has
evidently done his very best in the
discharge of the duties unexpectedly devolving
upon him, and although he complains of
the dropping out of students, he is merely
relying on my own experience, and that
of every one who has to teach a voluntary
subject. I was very desirous of seeing the
printed papers for the Regional Examinations
but they could not be conveniently forwarded
so soon, and Mr. Buff in lieu of them sent
me a résumé of the subjects he intended
to question on.

The news of the decease
of my dear and highly valued friend - Mr.
Lieut. Griffin, gave me much pain. He
was indeed one of Nature's noblemen - a true
gentleman in heart, thought and deed. Modest
and unassuming, he was yet one of the best men
I have ever met - his antiquarian
love was marvellous, no man better
acquainted with the history of Canada and of
eminent Canadians - especially of the ancient
French regime - than he. I should think
he must have left some MSS. which would
prove very valuable contributions to the
history of Canada. His executors should be

approached on the subject.

Pardon my trespass at this
your very busy season, and with best
wishes let me now subscribe myself

Yours very faithfully
Abraham de Kola

N. Yk. 25th. 31 81-
31st March / 77

Dear Dawson

I write a line to thank
you for your last letter about
the time of meeting for settling
the question of the Col. Depts. - I
think I can attend at any
time after 25th April or on
that day if necessary - I leave
N. Yk. on Tuesday 3rd April
and my address will be after
that. Sheffield - Berkshire County
Massachusetts. With kind
regards to all, from Mrs Day and
myself - believe me yours sincerely
Thos D. Day

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Worcester, 24 March
1877.

My dear Principal, Your telegram gives me great pleasure. It also does your letter which I see in the Gazette just received. You have exactly hit the nail on the head. I can't help ascribing the temper of the meeting in some measure to it.

I suppose you don't think of reading my draft at the meeting on Tuesday. At any rate, do not, unless after discussion of the point with Kinck and the rest you are so concluded. I hope you won't.

There is no possibility of my being in by Tuesday; I don't know of my even being in on Wednesday. My term here is casting on, frightfully. I do hope I shall be in by the end of the week. But if so, I must be out to hold Court again at Knowlton on Tuesday the 30th prox. It will be hard to improprietate for me not then to take some stay at home. The week beginning the ~~10th~~ 10th, I hold Court at Watuloo. And the week following

Letterbook

I count on spending mainly in town. Any Corporation meeting, to suit me, had best be there. But it should not be on the 28th or 29th; as I may then probably be busy. In fact I am thus driven to my ~~next~~ ^{next} the time for the Ann Convocation. I am sorry. But I can't help it.

My reason for not wishing to lay before Corporation the draft, is mainly one of form. But it attaches great weight to it. I would be ~~afraid~~ ^{aware} of bad precedent to let the draft be contemplated that it be voted on by Corporation before ~~subsequent~~ ^{reference} ~~reference~~ ^{to them} by the Governor. At least, so I think. I take it the Gov^s have yet only looked at the thing informally. When we shall have formally prepared our scheme, we must take the view of the Corporation. But that must be done formally, & at a later step than the present. We cannot afford to seem to act as though a vote of Corporation decided a Statute. After such vote, the Gov^s may or not, as they please.

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I shall be sorry, therefore, to have more done on Tuesday than a notice given of motion to reconsider that unhappy vote, purely & simply. Such notice can only be given in the name of some one who voted for it. And the proposed meeting should be called merely for that motion. We should then have time to draft the motion to follow. I have not yet been able to do this; I can't now. It is a ticklish form to draw; should signify neither approval nor the reverse.

Another thing. As I have already written you, I want (for the outside public) besides any back or to the draft, - a careful memorandum on the whole subject. And I think this had best be put forth as the work of the Planning Comtee of the Government.

If, however, among you all, you go for quicker pace, find time to drop me a line by post ~~on Monday~~ (or by telephone) on Monday. The mail leaves the Station at 3 P.M.; it a note

may be mailed a few minutes
before on the Cent. I would then
try to answer by mail or tele-
graph next day.

We are staying here over
Sunday & the rest of the Fair. I
am sadly tired; but otherwise
better than I could reasonably
have expected.

In haste

Yours ever truly
Christie Perkins.

Knowlton, 17 March
77.

My dear Principal,

Enclosed is

my draft of the shape into which I
shaped our Statutes might be
put, as regards Degree in Divinity.
You will see I have taken pains to
stick closely to the style of the Stat-
utes generally. I think I have come
up of all the other thoughts of your
Memorandum. Though somewhat
I have taken a somewhat of other
route. I purposely avoid the word
"ecclesiastical" "Ministry of Religion"
or they might be used by some folks as
a set rag to a Rail. But by confining
the initiative to the Theological College
in all cases, I apprehend he can be
fully apprised the recognition I make
a Statute matter of her purpose. I
would not do to give decisive vote on
it to any but the Governor. Indeed
were he think to be done anew I would
make application an affair of Statute
too. But that need not trouble us with
Theology in view of our denunciation
not having an affiliated degree or
may be they of ecclesiastical we must
confine the responsibility to the gov-
ernment. Corporation must have com-
munication of the intended Statute;
but the action say it must not fi-
nally be their. I had doubt as to a
Corporation vote for acceptance of a
degree in Divinity of another University.
It might be a matter of Statute
but I don't think this plan worthy
the

the Cantons, all things considered, and I ~~should~~ ^{cannot} begin to require the presence of such degree to have attended some Courses of our own, - on the ground that we ought (in the University proper) to have had some real knowledge of him. The yearly Theological College report, I hope to - as to be made to the Governors, not to the Corporation. I draft the Clause with the Principal's name rather than the Secretary's - this paper, however, being to say almost a detail.

You will see, too, how carefully I have restricted the matter by the way of examination & exercise. Till the Corporation shall have voted, with approval, those of the B.A. & B.D. will do. No one will care, I think, to have any other. But if they should, any the two Boards, after you, must do.

At a future time, I think I shall propose to make six, rather than three the excluding number for Ordinarians & Honorary Degrees. Three was settled when Convocation named three fellows in place of six, & when the Corporation was about half its present number. But that matter can wait.

I retain like the history suggestion, so far as I have had time to look at it.

On Tuesday, I return to Tweedmouth, to hold there the Queen's Speech Table, which will occupy me a week

or may be more. There is thus no
change of my being at the former
meeting of the 27th; & not much
of my being at the Corporation
meeting of the 27th. As to the Calendar
it has not reached me; so that I only
suppose Convocation to be the 28th.
And I am afraid I may not get in
in time even for that. But I shall
come in as soon as I can get away
from my term work.

I think it would probably be well
not to let the fact of the draft of clauses
having been made, get about, as if
stated, it has cost me a good deal of
thinking, & has even been re-written
again & again. But what if tho-
roughly criticised before it sees light.
And I think that probably Corpora-
tion had every better re-consider
without sight of it.

I shall try to send a copy by
next mail to Sir Francis, who has
written ^{most} ~~sent~~ me on the subject. But be
sure in any case, to give me the
real benefits of your closest & most
searching criticism.

In haste for I am too busy by
half, —

Yours most faithfully,

Wm. A. Walker.

P.S. Please mail me a Calendar
to Lapping's Hotel,
Sweetbush, N.H.
& write to me there.

Letter
to the Press

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Day
Wed 17th

N. York 258.3181

17th March 1777

Dear Br Dawson

I was glad to learn
from your letter of the 10th
that there is a fair prospect
of reversing the ~~unfortunate~~ vote
of the Corporation upon the
question of painting Theological
degrees - and was somewhat
surprised at the names of
the gentlemen who voted against
it - I trust that further
consideration

Consideration will enable them
to regard the matter in a different
point of view and to see how
important it is to the University
— I quite approve of the course
you and Judge Denton are
pursuing and only wish I could
be with you ~~and~~ I ought to
be to take my share of the
work -

As to the recognition of our degrees
in England no effort should be
spared to get the ban pronounced
against our Un. It's taken ^{at once} off ^{and}
I think it may be done - Whether
any

things further can be done
so that our other degrees
will be admitted there I
am ^{not} sufficiently informed
to judge. but this latter is a
matter which will keep until
I return -

I am afraid there is growing up
among our young men
(Graduates) a feeling of dissatisfaction
perhaps of jealousy of the
governing body of the University,
which may be dangerous to its
interests. Have you any knowledge
about it. I propose to be home
at the end of April or the
beginning of May and ^{we} will
endeavour

endeavour then to find out
whether such is really the
case and what remedy can
be applied -

This is St Patrick's day and
the weather is of the vilest
Canadian pattern - Snow
and sleet and wind, all the
course from its contrast with
the lovely spring weather which
we have had since the end of
January - I continue well
and my wife joins me
in kind regards and wishes
to you & yours -
Yours sincerely
The D. Day



418, ST ANTOINE STREET,
MONTREAL.

13 March 1897

My dear S. Dawson

Thanks for your
note, kindly enclosing the addresses of Messrs
Day & Decker. I must plead fault
to the 'Windsor' letter and it was to send
Copies that I wanted those addresses.
I have no doubt that our front will
deal better than we can do with the Board
of Trade, but it is quite possible that
the solution of the difficulty may be
found in the recognition of our deposit.
I sent Mr Baynes the draft of a letter
for Mr Aron's experts to submit to
you for review - of course
Principal Dawson & Co.

Baynes

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Ny 25831 St-
24th Feby 1877

Dear Dr Dawson

I am very sorry
to hear of the decision of the ^{Corporation} of the
upon the degree in Theology
- It will I fear be a very
damaging one to the University
- I should like to have the
names pro and con and
any information you may
possess as to the motives of the
Majority for if the Majority be
not too strong in numbers
and

and influence - the question
might be brought up for consid-
-eration in the next quarterly
meeting of the Corporation -
- or be raised in a new form
by an independent applica-
-tion to the Board of Governors
- whether it would be advisable
to take any such steps depends
of course up the chances of
success - If it be decided best
the less stir about ^{it} the better
- I hope our friends of the Affiliated
Colleges will not take any
sudden action - but will
give

some time to enable us to see
what can be done to remedy
this great mistake. I had
not the slightest suspicion that
any determined opposition
would have been offered to
the recommendation of the
Report, or the whole thing might
have been managed differently
— It gives me great discomfort
but we have for the last twenty
years fought so many battles
for the College that we must
^{not} let this defeat discourage us too
much. I still continue
well and with all kind wishes
Remain. Yours sincerely
Otho D. Day

Friday
Sept 17
1874

Day

N York 25 E. 31 St-

12th Febry 1877

Dear Dr Brewster

I have thought a
a good deal about the question
of our painting degrees in birds
It is one of great importance
and delicacy and I wish I could
be present at its discussion and
aid in the endeavor to lessen the
differences of opinion which have
prevented ^{the} unanimity so much
to be desired in the report of the
committee

Committee, but as my courage
is not equal to an Arctic ex-
pedition I send you a brief
statement of my view of the
matter - My first idea is
that in principle the University
ought to make use of all the
means of which it has been
made the depository for the
for the purpose of extending
and strengthening the efficiency
of its work - These degrees are
directly one of a very high academic
-cal distinction - They are universally
regarded as a laudable object of
ambition and are naturally looked
for

for by men of approved learning
they thus tend to encourage and
promote an advanced scholarship
— the power to confer them constitutes
one of the highest prerogatives of
the University, and I do not see
how we can justify a refusal
to exercise this power unless
some ^{reason} unassailable can be

assigned for it ~~being so~~ —

The objections stated in the Report
although I have given them the
most careful and respectful
consideration do not seem to me
to present such a reason —
with respect to the apprehension
that

that non-denominational character
of the University would be
affected. I think it may be justly
said that the giving these degrees
would rather confirm than
weaken it. It is now unsectarian
because all are admitted to
it on terms of perfect equality
without discrimination or
preference, and this is precisely
the principle upon which it
is proposed to grant this new
advantage to affiliated ^{Theological} Schools of
all denominations - I should
hope that the feeling which would
prevent the colleges of any denomination
from

from accepting this advantage is not widely spread, for the same feeling would probably also prevent altogether affiliation with the University =

All embarrassment from the want of a theological faculty appears to me to be removed by the nature of our connection with the affiliated colleges. These colleges have representatives in our corporation exercising the same administrative power in the University as other members of that body and may be regarded

regarded each for its own
students as practically equivalent
to such a faculty -

As to the conditions under
which the degrees are to be
granted. the adjustment of these
will of course require a good
deal of careful consideration but
I see no reason to fear that any
insuperable difficulty will be
experienced.

The conclusion in my mind
that the degrees ought to be granted
is confirmed by a consideration
of the question in its relation to the
various ^{theological} colleges already affiliated
to us. I think they have a right
to

to require of us as our implied
obligation that we should afford
to them every facility and advantage
which under our Charter the
University can bestow. Thus
refusal to grant the ~~degree~~ ^{the} ~~degree~~ ^{academic}

distinctions which peculiarly
appertain to their branch of
study, ^{would} places them in a position
which they can scarcely be
expected to occupy. I look upon
our connection with these learned
and influential bodies as of
great mutual benefit and think
that it would be a very great
mistake in any way to weaken
it. — When speaking on the preceding
page

page of the conditions under
which the degree may be
granted & omitted to say that
the suggestions in your letter
of the 7th inst appear to me
to be unobjectionable - I would
let the duty of examining and
certifying, and the responsibility
for the fitness of the candidate
in so far as his theological
studies are concerned rest wholly
upon the College from which
he comes - I perfectly concur
in your view of the matter -
taking

taking it for granted that
 the subjects of study on which
 the examinations and
 certificates are based will be
 satisfactory to the Corporation
 of the University.

I have written you a
 long letter - more prosy than
 useful - but prosing is the
 privilege of age - so you will
 excuse ^{it} and believe me

Yours sincerely

Thos D. Day

New York 25th - 31st 87 -
20th January 1877

Dear Dr Dawson

I rec^d your two
letters an hour or two after
I had received the Report to
Mr Baynes - I said to him
that I had signed it as requested
but that it would be better
I think that you should sign
it in my absence. I think you
to it would be well that you
should do so and tear up my
signature - I have ~~my~~ doubts
about

about the propriety of inserting
the statement relating to the
Act of last Session which makes
such foolish and mischievous
provisions concerning civil engineers
but the reason given for putting
it into the report is a good one
and I leave the matter to your
better judgment - I noticed the
omission of mention of the
appointment of Mr Boney but
thought it would probably be
made the subject of a special
report to go at the same time
with the general one -
I am glad always to see your
handwriting and to hear that you
are

we all well - My own health
is good and I find the climate
here agreeable - I find the Astor
Library a very pleasant resort
and what with reading - a little
writing daily and long walks
with my wife ~~very~~ my time
passes pleasantly enough -
- we keep carefully out of society
and I do not think there is any
chance of my meeting Mr. Torrance
whom I have not seen - certainly
for thirty years - I am afraid
therefore if he is to be our country
man we shall have to catch
him ^{some time} when he is among us in
Montreal. Mrs. Day joins me in all
kind wishes to you & yours and I remain
yours most truly Otho D. Day

Jay
Kemp