Point Levis 31 Aug 1877 -

Dr. Dawson
Montreal

Dear Sir
My daughter left
by steamer yesterday
with Professor Murray
for McGill normal school

Yours Respectfully
Ira Cracknell

McNider
Aug 1/77

Dunkin

Sweetsburgh, 10 Oct.
77.

My dear Principal, Yours 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; & besides, could not make at all sure as to the possibility or otherwise of my getting into town for Saturday. I cannot, even now. My term here extends over next Monday; & to almost the last moment, I cannot foresee 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 itself. My nephew drove over to tell me my farmer-foreman is down with typhoid fever. Mrs. Dunkin did not exactly dare go home with him, leaving me here indefinitely. But she will have to go home to-morrow morning, hoping to return before night. And it may be that this new trouble may force me too to spend Saturday (if take-able from here) at home, instead of at Montreal.

I assure you I have been almost all my wit's end to contrive to get away this month. Even as regards Corporation meeting for the 24th, I find my self forced to give the 25th & two following days to judicial duty at Waterloo. And

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

As to your idea of an interim report, I confess myself utterly at a loss. If we could meet, I have no doubt we could understand each other. But my impression is that any reporting prompts to the Corporation would do harm at present; would just revive the opposition here & in the newspapers. My notion in coming in was to start our Committee only, in the direction of consultation & inquiry; of course, seeing & consulting McVicar & the rest; & maybe getting the first steps taken for formal conference with

the Theol. College, or de-
nominational authorities.
I have never thought of
getting up or anyway
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, —
would throw us back no
end. Of course, I am dis-
heped that we are as far
behind hand as we are. I
had hoped to be able to do
even so much, long before
now. But, really & truly,
I have not been able. While
you & so many others were
out of town, my going in
would have been ~~[illegible]~~ a mis-
take. And since you have been
back, — between judicial
work & other work & a good
deal of rather serious
poorliness, I have been lis-

cially unable to stir in the matter. Next month I have arranged to get free from terms in the Country; & I hope & trust (if this sad illness of my man, Raven, 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 Colchester matter than I am. I grieve at your feeling so "dejected," though I can't wonder 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 matters, — my own sad inefficiency for so much that I want to be useful about, in especial.

It occurs to me that perhaps, 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 instant I can anyhow get in I will, — & that when I get in, nothing else shall take precedence 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 Robey. I trust the Science Faculty matter can be managed, will be. From what I see, I am hopeful of a new run 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 again, as to health, quite lately. But I have been several times rather nervous; & I have to "walk softly." We hope all your house (the Harrington's

included) are vastly the better for your summer. And do try, my dear friend, to get as little as you can to the depressing influence of so much that is just now happening round us. After all, you know, it is only for effort not for success, that we are answerable. 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,

Kirkpatrick Sinclair.

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 E. G. Stewart, that Mrs Stewart and Mrs Ker are both quite willing that you should exercise the late Sir W. E. Logan's privilege with regard to the appointment of Students to

free tuitions in the Faculty of Arts.

Yours very truly

G. R. Grant

Dr. J. W. Dawson F.R.S.

Montreal

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 Founder'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 going down, but I fear it is not possible.

ever yours

Darwin

Duffern
Nov/77

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Ottawa
28 Nov 1877

My dear Sir,

Judge Dunkin who came to see me on Monday, mentioned that a desire existed that Lord Dufferin 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 Dufferin 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

Judge Drummond as I am not aware if he still is in Montreal

Believe me

Yours very truly

C. F. Ruggles

Dr. Dawson

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McGill Coll. 23 Sept. 77

My dear Dr Dawson, Boyne

Mr Fernier has not been in Montreal for the last fortnight. he is at Lacorne and if the notice of the meeting has been sent to him doubtless he will be there; I have had the roof of the Class Rooms on the Laboratory side examined as the fall in the roof was certainly increased by seven inches this winter; Roberts recovered 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 diff-
-ference -

Believe me
Ever faithfully most
Yours W. C. Bayne

Honoured Bro

CANADA POST CARD

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THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

To Principal Dawson LL.D.
McGill College
Montreal

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To Principal Dawson

Dear Sir

Would you please inform me whether we have French for 2nd Yr Examinations on Page 16 of Calendar. If it is marked on Page 20 it is not mentioned. If you would be so kind as to let me know you would oblige your obt Servant

Robert Scanzu
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CARRIER
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Sir
Please send a
Calendar of Acadia College
to
Yours Respectfully
E. L. Newcombe
Buckley's P.O.
Kings Co
N.S.

KENTVILLE
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N.S.

Buynes 6th August 1877.

My dear Dr. Dawson,

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

of the Molson Lib. Fund Ass. of
£345.65 — I will remove the Calendar
advertisement which contains the
opinions of the Faculties 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
plan to remain in Quebec with
Mr Fenwick 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 your son 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 Eleven John's
most dear, W. C. Bayne

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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

C. A. McLachlan
Springfield, Ont

D A McDaniel
Aug 1899

West Winchester Ont.
August 3rd 1877

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
Rob. F. Grant.

The Principal
McGill University
Montreal.

Wm A Grant
Oct/77

Prescriptions A SPECIALTY.

GREENWOOD'S

City Drug Store,

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

OPEN ON SUNDAYS.

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 examination in Civil Engineering and also how long must he serve as an article.

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

Yours Respectfully

F. S. Greenwood

McGill Medical Student

Address

Geo S Greenwood
Box 749
St Catharines
Ont

Greenwood
Aug 1/47

Prayer 2d

-cumstances I would have be
right but I am not quite cle
in every case. I will attend
your directions for the beginning
of next month. Almost all the Gover-
-nors away and I am availing
myself of the leisure to work a
little for our Gas & by making
short excursions where inquiries
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 P. is fenced. Mr Parsalows
or Phillips fence up & the Water
work fence all along my garden.
I got some sea gravel some 32
load & have made a walk along
the Terrace. if I could get a
moving Machine of our own for £125.

We offered in
fair opinion
the Montreal Cricket
Club would not set-
ney but the serious
illness of a lady
member of our Board
ought 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 Stu-
-dents 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-

19/7/77

Johnson
I heard of
the Sale and
Mr Mrs Sandford
& Mr Mole & he is
very busy indeed
Give James my
kind regards
Yours
Wm Dawson

Oswego, N. Y., July 13, 1877.

Chancellor Dawson LL.D.

Dear Sir:

Will you do me the favor to say if LL.D. can be conferred ad eundem or in any other way by Mc. Gill College on a graduate of another Coll.? My LL.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.

Burns
Feb 1/77

Rd.
John Reid

~~Notice) Forward 304~~

On Her Majesty's Service.

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Principal G. M. Dawson

~~McGill College~~

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Royal Gardens, Kew.

W. T. Thiselton Dyer

Gen
July/77

July 7, 1877

My dear Sir

In the absence of Sir 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 panel of plants
collected during the survey
of the British North
American Boundary Commission

Prof. Olivier has made a
memorandum that all
duplicates remaining after
the selection of the
specimens required for

the Kew Herbarium,

shall be forwarded to

Mc Gill college

Believe me

Yours faithfully

W. T. Thiselton Dyer

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Easton Penna
July 4th '77

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 object,—
I remain yours affectionately

Michael J. Prendergast

No. 132 South fifth St
Easton Penna.
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Rendezvous
July 1/77
Sent
Calendar

Rev Bagot

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 LL D

or M A in absentia, and

if so, on what conditions.

I am a B A 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
L L B. L L D and M A

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 misapprehension 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 [illegible]n of the Queen's subjects, the proper way for Neither wishes 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 propriomotu & 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 representative 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

Dufferin

Duffern
June/77

W. Vaux

April 30th 1877

My dear Sir

I have not the slightest doubt that Sweeny 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 <u>by</u>

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	
Latin	52	II	Rhetoric Exempt
Math Phys	f		
Exp Phys	Exempt		
Moral Ph	f		
Zoology	38	III	

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

His marks with me were 48 — the next lowest being 76 — 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

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

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

T. H.

Dr Desola

92 Governor Road.
Cannonbury
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 satisfactory 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 Barnes 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 at all 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. A 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 propriety 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 present satisfactory result. This case might justly be cited to those 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 fined genial weather at that time. I have been in all necessary communication with Mr Duff since the fall as regards the Classes, Examinations &c. Mr Duff 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 reaching 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 Sessional Examination but they could not be conveniently forwarded so soon, and Mr Duff 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 Thos. 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 Nature's men I have ever met - his antiquarian lore was marvellous, no man better acquainted with the history of Canada and of eminent Canadians - especially of the ancient French régime - than he. I should think he must have left some MS. S.S. 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

Thoreau de Lola

N. YK. 25th St. 31 81-
31st March/77

Dear Dawson

I write in haste to thank you for your last letter about the time of meeting for settling the question of Theol: degrees - I think I can attend at any time after 25th April or on that day if necessary - I leave N YK. on Tuesday 3d 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

Dury
Nov/77

Drummond

Drummond

Sweetsburgh, 24 March
1877.

My dear Principal, Your telegram gives me great pleasure. So 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 Hincks & the rest you all so conclude. I hope you won't.

There is no possibility of my being in by Tuesday; I need to come of my own being in on Wednesday. My term here is lasting 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 3rd prox. It will be next to impossible for me not then to take some days at home. The week beginning the ~~XXXX~~ 10th, I hold Court at Waterloo. And the week following

I count on spending mainly in town. Any Corporation meeting, to suit me, had best be then. But it should not be on the 21st, 22nd or 24th; as I may then probably be busy. In fact, I am thus driven to very near the time for the Ann Convocation. I am sorry. But I can't help it.

My reason for not wishing a Clay before Corporation the draft, is mainly one of form. But I attach great weight to it. I would be afraid of bad precedent to let the draft a contemplated statute be voted on by Corporation before ~~submission~~ reference to the Govr. As I said, so I think. I take it the Govrs 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 stage than the present. We cannot afford to seem to act as though a vote of Corporation decided a statute. After such vote, the Govrs may or not, as they please.

I shall be sorry, therefore, to have more done on Tuesday than a notice given of motion to reconsider that unlucky 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 touch or two to the draft, — a careful memorandum on the whole subject. And I think this had best be put forth as the work of the ~~finding~~ Committee of the Governors.

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

may be mailed a few minutes before on the Cars. I would then try to answer by mail or telegraph next day.

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

In haste

Yours ever truly

Christ. Columbus.

Knowlton, 17 March
77

My dear Principal, Enclosed is
my draft of the shape into which I
think we our Statutes might be
put, as regards appearance in Divinity.
You will see I have taken pains to
stick closely to the style of the Statutes generally. I think I have come
at all the objects sought by your
memorandum. Though somewhat
I have taken a somewhat other
route. I purposely avoid the word
"ecclesiastical" "Ministers of Religion"
or they might be used by some folks as
a set rap at Rome. But by confining
the withdrawal to the Theological College
in all cases, I apprehend we may be
fully assured the recognition I make
a Statute matter of set purpose. It
would not do to give decisive vote on
it to any but the Governors. Indeed
were the thing to be done anew I would
make application an affair of the Church
to. But that need not trouble us. With
Theology in view for denominations
not having an affiliated College of
may be the of affiliation we may
confine the responsibility to the Governors. Corporation must have communication of the intended Statute;
but the action of it must not finally be theirs. I had doubts as to a
Corporation vote for acceptance of a
Degree in lieu of another University.
It might be made matter of Statute
but I don't think the Faculty would

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the Candidates all things considered.
And I ~~[illegible]~~ mean to require the preten-
tor of such degree to have attended
some Courses of our own, — on the ground
that we ought (in the University prospect)
to have had some real knowledge
of him. The yearly Theological Essay
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 latter, however, being to stand
a detail.

You will see, too, how carefully
I have restricted the matter of Honorary
examination & exercises. Till
Corporation shall have ruled, with
approval, those of the kind I propose
will do. No one will care, I think,
to have any other. But if they should
any the two Boards agree on, must
do.

As a future line, I think I shall
propose to make six, rather than
three the exclusive number for
Ad eundem & Honorary Degrees. There
was a debate when Convocation named
three fellows in place of six, & when
Corporation was about half its
present number. But that matter
can wait.

I rather like the Rotary sugge-
stion, so far as I have had time to
look at it.

On Tuesday, I return to Lucknow,
to hold there the Queen's Bench
term. Which will occupy me a week

or may be now. There is thus no chance of my being at the Governors meeting of the 14th; & 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 it stands, it has cost me a good deal of thinking, & has even been re-written again & again. But wait if thoroughly criticised before it sees light. And I think that probably Corporation had even better re-consider it without sight of it.

I shall try to send a copy by next mail to Mr Francis, who has written me on the subject. But be sure in any case to give me the real benefit of your closest & most searching criticism.

In haste for I am too busy by half, —

Yours most faithfully,

Arthur Hamilton.

P.S. — Please mail me a Calendar to Lapping's Hotel, Tweedbank, & write to me there. P.S.

Letter
abt Jepes

Day Mel 1777

N. YK 25 E. 31st St
17th March/77

Dear Dr 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 granting 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 Sir Dunstan 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 bar pronounced against our Mr. D's taken off at once 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 Patricks day and the weather is of the vilest Canadian pattern - snow and sleet and wind, all the worse 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
Thos D. Day

418, St ANTOINE STREET,
MONTREAL.

13 March 1877

My dear Sir Dawson

Thanks for your note, kindly sent the addresses of Lodge Day & Dawson. I must plead guilty to the Wolseley letter and it was to have copies that I wanted those addresses. I have no doubt that our friends 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 degrees. I sent Mr Baynes the draft of a letter for Mr Adams expressing him to submit it to you for revision & authorship.

Principal Dawson LL.D.

J. Cappon

Bucks
Mch/77

N.Y.C. 258 31st St
24th Feby 1877

Dear Dr Dawson

I am very sorry to hear of the decision of the Corporation 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 consideration in the next quarterly meeting of the Corporation - or be revived in a new form by an independent application 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 a dead beat the less stir about it, the better - I hope our friends of the affiliated colleges will not take any headlong action - but wait

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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

Geo D. Day

Judge Day
Dec 1877

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N York 25 E. 31 St
12th Feby 1877

Dear Dr Dawson

I have thought a good deal about the question of our granting degrees in Divinity. It is one of great importance and delicacy, and I wish I could be present at its discussion and aid in the endeavour to lessen the differences of opinion which have presented, 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~~ Expedition 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 depositary for ~~the~~ for the purpose of extending and strengthening the efficiency of its work — These degrees in Divinity are 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 unanswerable reason can be assigned for it ~~doing 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 unsectarian 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 more 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 ~~Can affiliated~~ Wolfe[illegible] colleges already affiliated ~~to us~~. I think they have a right to

to require of us as an implied obligation that we should afford to them every facility and advantage which under our Charter the University can bestow. The refusal to grant the ~~degree~~ the academical distinctions which peculiarly appertain to their branch of study would place them in a position which they can scarcely be expected to accept. 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 I 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

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

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

Yours sincerely

Thos D. Dwy

Newyork 25 E. 31 St
20th January 1877

Dear Dr Dawson

I rec'd your two letters an hour or two after I had mailed 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 Bovey 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

are 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 ~~many~~ my time passes pleasantly enough - - We keep carefully out of society and I do not think there is any chance of my meeting Mr Donaldson whom I have not seen - certainly for thirty years - I am afraid therefore if he is to be our coming man we shall have to catch him sometime when he is among us in Montreal. Mrs Day joins me in all kind wishes to you & yours and I remain

Yours most truly Thos D. Day

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Henry 1797