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By Telegraph from New York

To Dr Dawson

McGill University

Received your letter quite approve of proposed mode of procedure

Dufferin

Dr Jenn
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Copy to Duffus

McGill College.
Montreal. January 29, 1878

My Lord,

May I leave, with reference to the honorary degree which Your Excellency has been so kind as to accept from this University, respectfully to ask Your pleasure as to certain forms usually observed here in the conferring of such degrees. These are the following:—

1 The recipient of the Degree appears in academical costume (gown and hood);

2 The Vice Chancellor announces that the Degree has

been granted by the corporation, with the reasons.

3. The candidate is invited by the Registrar to come forward to the table and sign the Register of Degrees.

4. The Vice-Chancellor takes him by the hand, and recites a short formula conferring the degree, after which the graduate resumes his seat on the dais.

In event of your having no objection to the above form, a suitable gown and hood for the occasion will be in

reading in the Library, to be put on before proceeding to the Convocation Hall; but should you prefer to dispense with this or any other part of the ceremony, I shall be happy to arrange accordingly.

I may add that our programme will embrace the reception of Your Excellency and Lady Dufferin in the Library — proceeding to the Convocation Hall — reading of Address and Reply — etc &c

ferring of the Degree — and if your Excellency will favour us with an address either to the Convocation or the students or to the public assembled on the occasion, we shall be much gratified; but on this subject the chancellor has promised to write.

Apologizing for troubling your with so small matters, I remain,

Yours very respectfully

J M Dawson

The Right Honorable
The Earl of Dufferin
&c &c

Saturday Morning

Dear Dr Darwin

I enclose a letter from the Sec: Gen: you see he puts us up on our mettle by proposing that the address and answer be in Greek — I will prepare a draft in English and the learned heads of the college must clothe it in the classic garb. If I can manage to read it it will be an achievement as my Greek, always very slender, is reduced to struggling with some difficulty through a chapter of the Testament. I will send the draft when prepared for your suggestions & amendments. Please give me back the letter as it is marked private. I send you the keys in contemplation, and return your draft

Draft of Report. It is very full and most satisfactory I have nothing to suggest except perhaps that the hints to the Eric are pretty broad

My engagements to-day will I fear prevent me from calling on you - If you happen to be in Town drop in at my office

Yours truly

Chas D. Day

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McGill M. School
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J. W. Dawson Esqr. LL.D. &c
Chairman of Council of McG. N. School.

Sir-

I beg to lay certain statements and requests before you and to state that I do so only in consideration of the well-being of the school, and of what is due to myself-

The present modes of punishment in my power are - the giving of lines to be written at home and keeping in after school hours. The first of these interferes with the preparation

preparation of home work and the second, is, after the first offense in one class or another, or in case of the boy being late, or not knowing one of his lessons, perfectly useless.

Consequently, I would respectfully request that the usual means of discipline be placed in my hands. In this regard I am informed that there is no regulation bearing on the matter and it would seem that the privilege should fall to me as it does to all teachers in the public schools of Quebec. But as it has been denied to me I have hitherto forborne from claiming it as it was not a customary method of

discipline in the School. Such is not the case at present, as it is daily employed by the Head Master.

In speaking of order in my classes I would beg to submit that there is no special irregularity. No complaint has been made concerning it. I have never lost control of the scholars.

There are several reasons which render it, however, a very difficult thing to keep a steady control of the classes:—

First. the employment of the pupil teachers in the school whose discipline is at least lax;

Second. The change of classes.

No class has a teacher specially attached to it. The teacher

Teacher thus is continually changing his pupils, and the control & discipline he may have acquired in one class may, the next time he comes to it, have been lost under the hands of an untrained teacher

This, combined with the fact that the scholars are accurately acquainted with the limit of his power, render it very desirable that his influence be supported at least in the usual way

I beg to add also that under these circumstances when very great care and attention must be given to the discipline of the class,

it is not possible to enter into the scholastic work with the thoroughness and enthusiasm desirable -

I may add that my ideas of discipline are not a stiff and unbending rigidness in which discomfort forms the principal feature as I prefer the blending of as much freedom as is compatible with careful instruction.

Asking your kind consideration

I remain, Sir

Your Obt Servt.

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PROGRAMME

FOR THE

VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL,

TO

McGILL UNIVERSITY.

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Government House
Ottawa
Feb. 19th 1878

My dear Dawson

I must send you a line to tell you how delighted I was with my visit to McGill College.

All the arrangements were so considerately planned, and everything passed off so well, that it proved one of

the most delightful reminiscences of my Canadian life.

I am very proud of my degree, as it is the first thing of the kind I have ever received, and it was an additional pleasure that it should have been bestowed by such friendly hands.

Yours sincerely

Dufferin

I will send you a copy
of my Greek speech as soon
as it has been thoroughly
tested by a competent critic.

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Dufferin
Feb/78

Ottawa 14th March 1878

Dear Dr Dawson

I think it would be well to address a kind letter to Mr Hickson, setting forth the great need of the School of applied Science in the McGill University; that you do this, knowing that his engagements prevents him from being regular at the meetings of Governors, and hearing of the financial embarassment arising from Crystal Palace suit and other matters; – excuse these hints, as I do not pretend to instruct you

What to write;—

I think it likely that I will be at home again on Saturday—

Yours truly

J. Ferrier

P.S.

The above is in reply to your letter of yesterdays date—

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March 15, 1898

My dear Judge Day,

I enclose herewith the memo on the new Faculty of Applied Science. The table of subjects is not yet quite ready, but will be in a few days.

Since our meeting, Mr Redpath has directed me to continue his name as a subscriber of $400 for three years.

Hon. Mr Ferrier will also continue his subscription of $100. This makes $900 in all. Ferrier expects Mr Hickson to do something.

The more I think of the matter, the more strongly I feel that the time has come when the change proposed is necessary, and

should be carried out in despite of objections which, however plausible, are based on purely selfish considerations.

For myself, I am willing to make personal and pecuniary sacrifices in the matter, because I feel that my remaining time is short, and I should wish

Copy to Day
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above all things to see this department of our work fully established before I retire from management, which I am most desirous to do, both in the interest of my chances of life and of the special scientific work which I long if possible to complete as fully as ~~possible~~ I can. If some of our friends were fully understood my wishes in this respect they might think it less expedient to worry me to death prematurely.

Yours
J W Dawson

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Montreal. apl 5, 1878

My dear Dr Dawson.

I am more than glad to learn from your note of yesterday that you have decided - I hope I am not assuming too much - to remain in your present position -

I am sure that the Governor would make an effort to

Meet

your views if you can suggest a method by which you could be relieved from many of the details which trouble you.

I have to thank you for a copy of your "supplement" to your Acadian geology much of which is however far beyond me. But I am glad to have the book for all that.

Yours very truly

Peter Redpath

Principal Dawson

McGill College

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Apr/78

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From Monday, how or the Saturday, I shall be at liberty at Burlington, the week of the 22nd.

Knowlton, 8 Apl. '78.

My dear Principal,

I see pretty clearly that I have small chance of being in town before the 27th or thereabouts. If you at all want me sooner, let me know.

As to amendment of the Statutes with a view to the making of our last conversation, I think I see my way. Were there any chance of Judge Day's taking a Chair of Law with the post of Dean of the Law Faculty, the Statutes could be so amended as to sever the two functions of President & Chancellor. In that case, the latter might be named by the Governors purely; & might have a statutory right of summons to & con-

sultative voice at the meeting of the Governors, & be declared a member of Corporation, & even take precedence of the President. Indeed, I am not sure but that some such scheme might on other grounds be to the advantage of the University. As it may well happen that the best man for Chancellor & the best man for President, may not always be the same. The two duties are unlike.

Almost of course, in such amending Statute, I should provide that in default of a Chancellor so specially named, the President should be Chancellor.

Under such a system, our friend Day would be practically as much on the Board as ever; & even a bringing in to it of the present Dean of the Law Faculty would not

materially disturb its balance.

In compliment to Day, I think such a thing might very well be done; letting him (though Chancellor) hold a post of emolument. After his time, I would certainly be unwilling to continue that part of the scheme. But even for the hereafter, the Chancellor might just about as well as not be a merely honorary Governor. We never really vote. And such a change would in effect enable us to add one to our number.

All this, merely for your private reading.

In haste
Yours very truly
Abraham Lincoln

Remember, we need you!

Dunkirk
Apl 18/80

P.S. I could on Saturday, but prefer Tuesday, being a busy week.

Sweetbough, 11 April 78.

My dear Principal,

Your note of the 9th reached me here last night, too late for answer by the mail that left here this morning.

I hardly think it would do for us to contemplate any arrangement by which any Governor should receive any remuneration. If the Chancellorship were held by a non-Governor, there might be remuneration for whatever of its duties might require payment in any shape. And a Chair might be given, with only a very moderate amount of the very highest & easiest of teaching, assigned to it. I see, too, some trouble in any plan for putting the Law Faculty under special control — whether of Chancellor as such, or of a Committee or Commission of Governors. We must be careful not to wound the amour propre

of the Faculty, or to weaken their prestige. Either, it seems to me, we had need some how make the Chancellor, personally, Dean of the Faculty, with some modicum of duty of course as a member of it, or else, we had need by statute place him (along with the V.C.) on all the Faculties, honorarily. In which latter case, he might give as much more attention to one Faculty than to another, as he might see fit.

On the whole, it strikes me that if you conclude to say anything on Saturday of further amendment of Statutes, it would be well — probably — the suggestion had better have the merit of a good deal of vagueness.

When I get in, I have no fear but that the Chancellor & you & I can easily enough agree, — & agree to some good end.

In haste,
Yours very truly
Chris. Franklin.

Dawkin
Nil 1/8

Moyse

Arden,
Torquay.
April 22nd 1878.

My dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant and I beg to reply to your questions seriatim.

I could, if absolutely necessary, begin work in Montreal next September but as only a very few days would elapse between the termination of my present engagement and the time of

sailing, I should prefer to leave England at a later date. It might, however, be deemed undesirable to introduce a new element into University teaching - or even to modify, in any way, an existing scheme - in the midst of a Session. This leads me to ask you whether September 1879 would, in the interests of the University, be considered too late to make the proposed alteration in the English Department.

The appointment you speak of - I mean a Professorship of the English Language, Literature & History - is one I wish to obtain because congenial to my tastes. This congeniality

has more weight with me than pecuniary emolument, although I may say that, holding, as I now do, an assured and fairly lucrative post I cannot, in justice to myself, afford to disregard income. In the matter of salary, I am both ready and willing to undertake English work among you for the amount stated by you.

In conclusion, I have no wish whatever that this letter be considered private. I must ask the favour of an early reply, if only for the sake of those whose interests I am endeavouring to promote. I am, my dr. Sir,

Very faithfully yours
Chas. E. Moyse.

P.T.O.

J. W. Dawson Esq. F.R.S.
McGill University

P.S. Please address home at
St. Mary's College,
Peckham,
London S.E.

McGILL UNIVERSITY MONTREAL

Monday
May 6th 1878

My dear Sir

Beckett has received from me all that I have charge of except the list of Partial Students which I hope to give him to-morrow — and the list of Graduates in Arts which will require a thorough revisal — I shall send you the Summary at end of list of Students when I have completed the lists —

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the Christmas Excursn.
I have to see Dr Harvey about,
but when that is finished
I can send the outline
of the Calendar proper
to be filled in as usual.

The officers for the present
session of the M. Y. M. C. A.
are according to the report
submitted to the Faculty:—
President. — Saml E. Ford
Sec.-Treas. Rankine Dawson.
Third member of Com. of
management — John M. C. Muir.

Yours very truly
Alexander Johnson

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY,

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

Ottawa, May 7th 1878

Prof. Dawson
McGill College
Montreal

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 4th ult. was duly received also the application on behalf of the students of McGill College.

Mr. Fleming is now here and will, before leaving again, give the subject his attention

Yours truly

Marcus Smith

P. M. Smith
May 1/85

J. Dawson

May 10th 1878

My dear Sir

I send herewith the Calendar proper, and the scheme of Examinations. I gave yesterday to the foreman in Bickett's office the last of my part of the general Calendar viz. the degree lists. ie for Ch. D.; M. C. L.; M. A.; B. A.; and Bac. Ap. Sc. and Graduate in Civil Engineering — These I have compared carefully with the original lists, year by year, since 1860, and have corrected any errors. The errors were not numerous except in the case of Honours at B. A. Exam^n.

I found, however, that one Graduate, had been omitted altogether, viz McLean, (Breadalbane S.). I have inserted his name in its proper place.

The errors in the Honours arise from a confusion of the letters c and e (for classics and English respectively) and from the use of <u>na</u> (wh. is appropriated to Mathematics) for Mental & Moral Philosophy occasionally.

As the <u>number</u> of letters used to indicate Honours is confusing to the eye – I have endeavoured to simplify the arrangement a little, as you will see when the proofs come from the printer. But it might not be advantage

be simplified still more I think, by using a single letter (Old English) to indicate the subject in which Honours were taken (of the First Rank) & the Gold Medallist being indicated simply by a † prefixed to the letter or name. A short note at foot of page would state to what subjects the special medals were attached since 1865. and it plain about previous year. Second Rank Honours would be indicated by a 2 attached to the Old English letter.

This arrangement would obviate very great the danger of misprints which would otherwise recur yearly. When you receive the proofs, would you be

kind enough to let me know whether you prefer it to the one adopted in Hence.

At what time the proofs may come up I cannot tell. The foreman says he will commence to put the copy he has now got into type at some indefinite period, not earlier than next week. He says he has no type to go on with as it is all absorbed in the Medical division of the Calendar, which he is not yet allowed to print. Altho excuse (or complaint?) has been offered for more than a month past, it may be continued much longer.

Yours very truly

Alexander Johnson

Principal Dawson LL.D., F.R.S.C.

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Rimouski,
8 July, 1878.

Dear Principal Dawson,

During the sessions of the Assembly at Hamilton, I received a letter from Mr. Anderson, Principal of Prince of Wales College P.E.I., asking me whether one of his "men" could enter at McGill on the third year's course in Arts and at the same time compete for an Exhibition. He is a most clever pupil, but is too poor

to get through his studies at McGill without such aid (moneywise) as a Scholarship or Exhibition supplies. Will you kindly write, addressed to St. Matthew's Manse, Halifax, where I expect to be during the next fortnight, so that I might supply the information asked for?

Dean Bond called on me about Ducal, after having spoken to you respecting his relations to the Board. He said you told ~~him~~ him, or that he understood you to state, that the whole matter was left with

me. When on being summoned
to a Committee (Stephens being
the other member) on the question
I went to the Board Room,
I found, by the minutes, that the
Board had ~~appo~~ settled the
whole matter as to Duval, &
had simply authorized the
Committee to select one of two
whose names were furnished,
Dionne & Fluhmann. Duval
has ~~gone~~ seen Mr Lemon who
tells him that he never wished
him to be dismissed; Mr
Stephens also on being referred
to, shifted the responsibility
from himself, and poor Duval
visits me who was absent
from both the Consultation

at Convocation Hall, and the meeting of the Board at which a Committee was named to appoint his successor.' I am sorry for Duvab. We have engaged Huhmann for two months, I think, - three perhaps - simply on trial. We have also settled the matter with Donnell. He accepts our terms.

With kind regards to Mrs Dawson. I am,

Yours very truly,

J. W. Dawson

Principal Dawson L.L.D.

Benmore, Kilmun
Aug 21. 1875

My dear Dr Dawson.

Since I sat down to write two or three letters, no longer to be delayed, I have received your of 8th ult forwarded to me from London.

I am quite alive to the liabilities as well as to the necessities of the University. It seems to me that – as I suggested previously – the amount to be paid for arrears of

of assessment should be paid out of income but that it should be distributed over a number of years - say $1000 a year - This step, if adopted, would lighten our load somewhat, without stopping our progress. It is a matter of Bookkeeping - The income should also be charged with the interest which would gradually diminish -

I hope that the Governors will see their way to what I suggested the other day - namely - an assurance to Wrypse of his appointment whenever

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the vacancy occurs, if they cannot definitely appoint him either for this year or next.

I may be only repeating here what I have said before but perhaps my urgency should be addressed to the Chancellor and not to you — but I have written to him strongly too.

Pray do not rashly give the $800 you speak of. It is not expected and I hope that the deficiency may be otherwise supplied —

Yours very truly

P. Redpath

Principal Dawson Montreal

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18th Sept 1878

My dear Sir

It is very important to my son who is over 16½ years of age that he should be matriculated & passed into law fall without delay & to that end he will present himself for examination on Monday. I do not know if it is possible to extend a little courtesy in the matriculation, but if it is & it is right & proper may I ask you to favourably consider his case.

Yours faithfully
Thos Sutherland Stevenson

Dr Dawson

Thursday

Sept 18

Journal

Montreal, Sept. 27th 1878.

Dr Dawson,

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for voting me one month of salary, but to tell you the truth I would have preferred to get some work instead. I don't see why I am thoughtworable to back some of the elements of the language as before.

In my interview with Prof. Robins I was told that I was placed under a wrong impression & that from my letters he could see that I was seeking things that were not, being on the wrong track.

Sure enough it is impossible for me to know till I am told why I lost my place; and I would like to know the reason. It struck me since I saw him that there might be some accusation of which I am not aware being brought against me. If there is, can you do me the favor of letting me know both of what I am accused & the name of my accusers. I have been so

often, shamefully abused not only from catholics, though they know how to do it. but also from people who know better, from our French ministers. who are not all of them what they ought to be.

I dont claim to be perfect far from it; but I am not worse than those who now are teaching in the High School; and if I wanted to speak I might say;

I never spent my sunday in dancing; never was tipsy in my class; never was sued for debt & got my scholars to become security for me; never was sized for debt; never was threatened to be brought before court because I refused to support an illegitimate child. I never got the reputation of getting drunk at the Provincial Association of teachers.

I am now stating facts; though I refuse to prove them & you can understand why; my task was never to be an accuser but I am only stating facts which are true.

Now this being the case why be so hard on one more opposed than the rest on account of my position, for on one side are the catholics who try to find fault with us. now go in the neighbourhood. where I lived ten years & see if my

It is so easy. Saint-Luc, to spread some bad reports against me.

reputation is good or not; so much so that priests told me often that they were sorry I was not among them because they knew I was a good man. Now, on the other side I made myself enemies by siding for justice. I admire the noble devotion of Chiniquy & I spoke & wrote in his behalf because our French ministers through jealousy turned themselves against him & ridiculed his work; this was so unfair that I wrote several articles on the papers which put an end to all this foolish talk of theirs. None among the rest so bad as Loffin who is so disposed to be jealous of any superiority in others. He & Thos. Leeming have done all they could against me in the past & I would not be surprised if lately they had been at their capers again. As I know you to be a fair & just man, & also one who can sympathize I ask you as a favor to let me know the ground of my accusation, if there is one & the name of the parties accusing me. One thing I desire to bring also before you is that in our examination for College certificate the question having at least 1/4 of the marks was not one for which we could get prepared. I am sorry

for that for I worked my class as much as I could in the given time. Another year might have made all the difference.

I don't see yet what I can do for the winter; I am unable to get any school; they are all taken & were so before I was dismissed. I am under the impression that Prof Robins done all he could against me. And I know, for he told me so, that Dr Jenkins wanted to keep me at the High School; but Robins said you would not & so we let it be. This I could not understand.

I mean to go back to town as soon as possible & try hand at private lessons. I thought that at least one school might have been given me & as I wrote you the Senior school was one which might have been left to me. If it was a time when property could be sold I would have for the stole, but it is not, and I dont want to loose, if possible, the fruit of my labors. If I had only known a few months before. Keep this letter to yourself. If you can see any thing that would suit me anywhere let me know. I defy any one to show me any wrong morally during the eighteen years I have been teaching here. Please not to forget me, if an occasion present itself, for you know that our field is very much circumscribed.

Yours Respectfully

N. Duval.

364 Notre Dame St.

I don't think it would pay to advertise, just now, just month will likely be better

Arden,
Torquay.
England.
Oct. 16th 1878

My dear Sir,

I cross in the "Peruvian" which sails from Liverpool on the 26th inst. I hope to begin work almost as soon as I arrive and intend, if convenient to the Faculty, to keep the third year's honour men to themselves & commence with them by studying Miller's Shorter

poems while the more advanced students can read Chaucer's Prologue and Knight's Tale. The no. of lectures per week can be easily settled when I arrive but my main object in writing to you now is that there may not be much delay in getting the Clarendon Press texts of Milton & of Chaucer into the hands of the students if they have not been accustomed to use them.

I propose a course of lectures on English Lit. History, the treatment of which can be better determined when I know

Sir Henry Maine

something of the men.

I may state that in my opinion the English ground must be narrowed & worked more deeply.

In haste & with respects,

Yours very faithfully,

Chas. F. Moyse.

Principal Dawson F.R.S.

Moyse
Act 1787

Zerk Rich

High School Metcalfe St
November 26th 78.

Prin Dawson LL.D. F.R.S.C.

Dear Sir,

I enclose the regulation respecting non-residents, as amended at the last meeting of the Board. In considering the application of Rev Mr Baldwin we must of course remember the case of the unknown and uninfluential children who are residents of the City, and who are kept out of an overcrowded school like that on Sherbrooke St by the admission to it of these and other children of non-residents.

Your obedt servt
J J Robins

McGill College
24th December 1878

Dr. Dawson.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of the Royal Institution Governors of McGill College held on the 21st Instant upon the Report of the Vice Chancellor of the Subscriptions & Donations to the Faculty of Applied Science. It was Resolved that the thanks of the University be Conveyed to Dr. Dawson. for the seasonable aid by means of his liberal Contribution of $200 to this new & important part of Educational Work.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
W Craig Baynes
Secretary

Byne
Dec/25