Reply copy to
Redpath

McGill College.
Montreal.

Jany 19, 1880,

My dear Mr Redpath,

On Sundays I sometimes have opportunity to think over my ways, and it occurred to me yesterday that perhaps I have been more selfish than I should be in so readily accepting your kind proposal with reference to a Museum building. The need of it is no doubt great, and the opportunity

to give my collections as a permanent gift to the College, and the prospect for the first time of adequate and proper means for teaching are great inducements; but when I think of the serious inconvenience the students in Applied Science are suffering in the low and poor attic rooms of our Centre building, and the way in

which the Professors in Applied Science are driven from room to room and placed at disadvantage in their work, and the loss of prestige which the new Faculty suffers in not having a building, I feel that perhaps I should forego any improvement in my own department if these disadvantages could be remedied.

Might it not be well in the first instance to make the offer of the Museum conditional on that of a Science Building; or even to substitute the latter. A Science building in your name or in that of any other benefactor would be to us what the Lawrence Scientific School is at Cambridge & the Sheffield School at Yale; and if it can be had, as well as the Museum, so much the better; if not it should perhaps have the preference.

Jany 19, 1880.

My dear Mr Redpath,

On Sundays I sometimes have opportunity to think over my ways in a broader manner than in the bustle of the week, and it occurred to me yesterday that perhaps I have been more selfish than I should have been in so readily accepting your kind proposal with reference to a museum building. The need of this is now

doubt great, especially in present circumstances, and the opportunity to give my collections as a permanent gift to the College, with the possession for the first time of adequate means for teaching, are great inducements. But when on the other hand I think of our Science students, so inconveniently placed in the Attic of the centre building, and of the professors driven from room to room, & doing their

work at a disadvantage, while this new Faculty, so important, has little prestige without a building of its own, my own troubles appear insignificant, and I feel that perhaps I should forego any improvement in my own department till these disadvantages can be remedied.

Would it not be well in the first instance to make the fate of a Museum contingent on that of a Science building by some other

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benefactor, and to reserve the right to substitute the latter, failing such offer.

If a Science building can be provided it might give its name to the Faculty, as the Lawrence Science School at Cambridge & the Sheffield School at Yale. If your generosity could be made the means of providing it indirectly, this would be an immense gain. If not, perhaps it should be preferred even to a museum, and might be made to include some museum accommodation.

Excuse me for troubling you, but you see conscience troubles me.

Sincerely yours
J W Dawson

Of course I am doing all I can in quiet for the best in quiet for this dear week. I am going to apologize about the Festival.

Sweetbrush
21 Jan. 80.

My dear Principal,

I was sorry to gather from your note received last Monday evening, that you are not yet without trouble; the more so as I am not either. I am not to blame to the extent of my power to do half I'd gladly do towards relieving you. I exposed myself & catched cold last time in hurrying a good deal too much. And I have had no real good quiet, to speak of since. All last week I was hobbling Court here; of my six days here, I spent nearly all of two last Thursday & Friday quite lame & pretty seriously ill. Thursday up, but not yet up to drop. However, on Saturday, I am thankful to say I was able to get out to Court, & to get home. Sunday & Monday I was very quiet. Yesterday, I had a catching day at home; but I think it meant a little more good. And to-day I am here again now after a day in Court. I hope at any rate not worse. Tomorrow I hope to reach home again, some time or other in the day. But my

Principal Dawson,
F. R.

original intention of going straight in from here to town, I have had to give up. And I cannot be at all sure that I can get in so soon as Saturday morning. Should I not be at the Governor's meeting that day, may communicate my excuse. The default, if it happen, will be sorely unwelcome to myself. Any how, I mean to get in as soon as I possibly can; perhaps Saturday evening; or failing that, Monday morning. It almost drives me wild to have to be writing such a string of apologies, — all, about duty not done.

All I can say is, — that I can say truly, — that I cannot help it. The will is not in fault, even so little.

I must not give time now, to any other writing. For I have more immediate writing duty on hand here, than I know how to attend to. Mrs. D. I am most thankful to say, stands her worries, incessant as they are, wonderfully.

Yours most truly

A.D.

Drummond
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JOHN L. MORRIS,
ADVOCATE, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, &C.
COMMISSIONER FOR MANITOBA.
City and District Savings Bank Building.

40 St. John Street.

Morris
vs Mills

Montreal, 4 Jany 1880

My dear Sir

May excuse me for not answering yours before I was desirous of looking up authorities and have been in Court nearly all day arguing a case so that I have had hardly any time. I have however looked up some and I do not agree with the opinion expressed in the newspaper article which you sent to me namely that because the City Charter gave no power to the Corporation to accept legacies it could not accept them.

I refer to Dillon on Municipal Corporations

§ 436 – 443. He says in the absence of any provision there is no question as to their right

Also to same effect Angell & Ames § 166 – 169. —

Grant on Corporations – gifts to Corporations p 559 – 56.

I thought I would write to you instead of the Major Mills as we might like to confer before acting him.

Perhaps as if the Corporation dont wish legacies we might suggest that the money be left for the same objects to trustees with provision for their succession.

Yours very truly
John Morris

J. W. Dawson Esq
Principal McGill University

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Village Richelieu
16th June 1880

My dear Dr Dawson

My last visit to Town was while you were taking your holiday in Toronto - I hope you enjoyed your visit there and have got back Mrs Dawson by this time & she and Toronto -

I am concerned to hear that the Govt is disposed to diminish the efficiency and usefulness of the Normal School - It will be a backward step

in the interests of Education which the country cannot afford - Your analytical table shows that the money already spent has brought back far more than its value in the provision of trained teachers for our schools - They had much better reduce their subsidies to Rail Road rings - and cut off that Caput mortuum the Legislature Counsel. than take a dollar from the scanty sum granted for the instruction of the people - But so it is with all our fools. the interests of the higher civilization go to the wall before the bustling noisy aggressive demands of material

prosperity

progress - I wish I could
appoint one Government, I would
make you Premier —

I was in hopes from a paragraph
which I saw in the newspapers
that the Dominion Govt had
abandoned, for the time at least, the
intention of removing the
Geological Museum - the French
members of that Govt will you may
depend do nothing to help McGill
- Cartier was an irresponsable Cop
to us.

With respect to coming in
to the Horticultural Festival I do not
think I shall be able for it - but
I send you my own and my wife's
thanks for your kind offer to give
us house room - With best wishes
to all. I remain yours sincerely
Chas S-Day

Hedge Day
July 180

Red Pott

Montreal, Jan 19, 1880

Dear Dr Dawson

Since the receipt of your note I have not had time to think about its contents. I will write to you again to-morrow.

I should be very loth to change my purpose. Could not the Science

Department use a portion
of the museum - temporarily -
There can be no objection
to your mentioning the
proposal to Mr. W. F. K.
Molson as I spoke to
them about it nearly
two years ago.

In haste

Yours very truly

Peter Redpath

Principal Dawson

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High School. Jan 23rd

My dear Sir:

I regret that in my address I should have done any injustice to the McGill Normal School. In the Supt's Report, the annual expenditure of this three Normal Schools is placed at $60.800. Prin. Hicks informed me that a lump sum was equally divided among them by Law, & so I assumed the cost as given.

I shall be glad to publish a corrected statement from Sir Burgess, as my note of inquiry

to this minute in regard to the cost of each school is as yet unanswered.

I regret, also, that after very careful inquiries, there yet may be certain minor inaccuracies because it was my aim to give to the Teachers of this City as accurate an acct. as possible of our educational progress.

I remain, Sir,

Yours very truly

Fred. W. Kelly

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Village Richelieu
16th February 1880

Dear Dr Dawson

The objects proposed in your letter are such as must enlist the sympathy and aid of all who take an earnest interest in the College — I cannot but think that the end sought might be as well or better brought about by your consenting to be the guest instead of the entertainer, but if you have an insuperable objection to this we must all do what we can to help you in the way you like best — My idea of a testimonial was

was not exactly a superb silver watch with your name elegantly engraved upon it - but - something connected with the University such as the founding a chair - or the erection of a building, something worthy of yourself and of the College - I will think over the contents of your note and when I go to Town will try to see you and go a little into the details of your arrangements - meanwhile I remain with kind regards to Mrs Dawson and the juveniles

Yours sincerely

Thos D. Day

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Village Richelieu
24th Febry 1880

My Dear Dr. Dawson

I am greatly pleased to hear that your scheme is likely to be so successful I hope it may put a new spark of vitality into the old Lady whom the graduates call Alma Mater and who has given us so much anxiety and trouble —

I shall (D.v.) be in town for the Governors meeting on Saturday ~~In~~ and a day or two afterwards

as

as we have promised the
Redpaths a visit.

I dare not venture to Quebec
and I do not know that I
could be of any use there
— I hold my place only until
some one can be found to
fill it and ~~and~~ I shall be grateful
if you will make this
known verbally to the Committee.
I will resign at once when
a successor is agreed upon —

Hoping to see you soon
I remain

Yours truly
Thos D. Day

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Sweetbrush, 9 Nov.
'80.

My dear Principal, Your card came to hand just as I was starting from home this morning to come here. On my arrival here I telegraphed you. And I now write for the mail that I hope will bring this to you to-morrow morning.

When I telegraphed I had not had time to read the P.J. carefully enough to see your statement of the object of the proposed conference; the words "projected memorial Hall" not being over clear. The other day I had seen a circular from the Graduates Society to graduates, about the movement for nomination of graduates to the Board of R.I. And I took the meeting to have reference to that matter. As to that, I was most particularly anxious to be present whenever it might come under discussion. And it was that feeling

which made me telegraph. Had I had time to go carefully through the world, I probably should have been content with this mere note. Though, of course, if it is true I should wish to attend, with reference to whatever object.

There is hardly a chance of my getting from here for next Saturday. Still, if you have the meeting, pray let me be informed to that effect, here, direct; so that I may come if I can. For the Saturday, or almost any not early day, of next week, I presume I could get in. And I would put off anything short of downright Court-holding, to get in.

Referring to the subject of that circular. I dare say you have seen it. It is very politic in tone as regards the Pres.; & even in its form of request it is fairly drawn: asking that as far as possible "the next appointments" should

be of graduates. Each graduate addressed is asked to return an answer endorsive of this request. The object of Comte being to serve us with a sort of round robin that shall admit of nothing but assent. And the assent sought, unless given with a good deal of care, would be likely to cause us more than a little of trouble hereafter. I am most exceedingly anxious that discussion of this subject should not be gone into at all between any Comte of the society & our Board, & at least until after such time as we should have been able by conference among ourselves to agree on precisely the terms of our deliverance thereanent.

The Circular urges the number of the graduates, gives us credit for the presumed wish to deal with them fairly in the matter, & in a sense puts the claim not amiss. But, in my judgment, as the Circular is very diplomatically drawn, so our answer ought to be, too.

But to that end, the conference on that subject (whenever it comes about) ought to be one of committees on both sides. And our Comte ought to have the advantage of a mastery of the controversy or discussion as thorough as that of our graduate friend, & also the advantage of being a body not speaking mere mots, but for others, & without impolitic disclosure of possibly variant measures of personal opinion among ourselves.

I am, Respdt, very anxious indeed on this point. I went the other day carefully over our graduates' list, to mark out all the available possibilities of graduate-protectors; & I must say I was astonished to find how few there were. It is not, I think, too much to say that a much handier task than that of placing the body of graduates by a choice of any 2 or even 3 from among themselves, could hardly be set us. And yet we absolutely must pay to give them, the public too, all the satisfaction we possibly can. My own

idea of the policy we have got to follow is one that requires a little time for its carrying out, & some reticence meanwhile & — at least quasi-reticence. I want to amend our statutes in the sense of making our vice-deans (or whatever else we may call them) fellows equally with deans. By this, we shall come to have several Governors' fellowships to give. And we can judiciously add to the force of the graduates on the Corporation in that way. In fact, I would make the Gov.rs' fellowship a sort of stepping stone to the Governorship. Just as present, I think I would altogether hold back in the matter of new Gov.rs. Any choice we could make of graduates per saltum, would vex more than it would please. But on taking three or four representative or ex-representative or claimant-representative fellows might be made in a way to give a good deal of satisfaction & interest, & might work towards the ultimate step before long.

I am writing in a hurry

great hurry, I feel I have not half stated the case. But you (any of our board to whom you may communicate this, or it substance ~~subject~~) will readily understand me, I am sure.

For the matter of the Memorial Hall, I shall be so glad to take any part I can. But it is not of itself a matter of any special delicacy. I should merely like to be at any conference, if I can, — rather than not. And I will gladly serve as to it, in any capacity the board like. As to the graduate-governor question, I am (I must repeat) most anxious that we should do no more at present on any account, than devolve it to a Committee, with whom, through whom the graduates (or a may confer; on which (or a I should certainly much wish to be named.

I have no doubt I could be in town time next week; would do my very best in that direction gladly. Indeed, if I hear from you that the meeting (for whatever end) is to be next Saturday, even may be little day, that would be best, I will do my best to clear grounds for it in haste.

Yours most truly

J. A.

Mc Gill College.
Montreal. March 19, 1880

My Lord,

I now beg leave to send herewith printed copies of the Annual Report of the University, and would desire to invite your Excellency's kind attention to the suggestions on pp. 7 & 8, as to reciprocity of Medical degrees with Great Britain, and as between the General Provinces; an object which I have very much at heart.

I beg to thank your Excellency

His Excellency
The Right Honble. The Marquis of Lorne

for the expression of interest in the University contained in your letter of the 2d inst; though after the gifts so recently made, I cannot scarcely feel justified in suggesting anything further in the way of benefaction.

Our Department of Applied Science is still in a critical position financially; but there are some gifts and bequests likely to fall in at no distant date which will aid it materially.

The removal of the Geological Survey is, as you Excellency supposes, a serious blow to Science and education in this Province, where neither is by any means too well provided. Still, if the measure is judged to be for the general good, we must submit with as good grace as possible.

I hope however that Montreal and the University will be able to do something to supply the want created here. We have already secured Dr Harrington, who was the best authority

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on the Survey in all matters relating to economic minerals; and I hope shortly to announce the gift on the part of one of our citizens, of a new museum building, superior in arrangement and safety to any in the Dominion. In this I propose to place my own collections, which in some important departments are more valuable than those of the Survey. We hope also that Mr Selwyn will be able to leave some of his duplicate material.

Thanking your Excellency very sincerely for kind expressions with reference to my son who I hope is yet to do great things in Canadian Geology

I remain very respectfully yours

J W Dawson

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Village Recreation
19th March 1880

My Dear Dr Dawson

I rec'd your letter and also a copy from Mr Baynes of the Resolutions passed at the meeting and am rejoiced that the graduates seem so heartily interested in making the completion of your quarter of a Century an era in the life of the University – the sum required for the new Hall is a big one but after all I see no reason why it should not be raised ~~&c~~.

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I was much disappointed at being unable to be with you at the meeting, and am nursing myself for the 2d April — The Sciatica is troublesome but is gradually wearing off — I am little more than a Caput Mortuum — a dead head unhinged by physical weakness and mental dispepsia but have still enough of life left in me to desire to be among those who will meet to make an acknowledgment of the great services you have rendered to the University and the interests of Education — If I am not present it will be because I am physically unable —

Mrs Day joins me in kind regards to Mrs Dawson and remain

Yours sincerely

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My dear Dr. Dawson

I have just had an interview with the L. Governor concerning the subject to which reference is made in your letter of the 17. inst:. His Honor desires me to say that he thinks it would be inappropriate to couple the two toasts of the "Governor-General" and "L. Governor", and that he could not in any event reply to the toast of the "Governor General". If you would permit me to observe, these two toasts should be proposed separately and in the absence of the Governor-General a song should follow. Noone I think can reply for him without at least special authorization. The L. Governor is much pleased with the desire which you manifest to so order your arrangements as to suit his convenience. As he will be there in his official capacity I presume likely that you will assign him the position of honor at the table; as to the places for his suite, that

can be arranged on the day of the Banquet.

Permit me to make another suggestion which I think would meet with general favor, and that is, that the University, as such, should during the day preceding the Banquet present the Lt-Governor with an Address. It has been customary and already Laval has done so, and I should be very much pleased if our McGill would do the same. I intend, of course, to be with you on that occasion and will be pleased to do whatever I am commanded.

I will see Mr Ouimet about your Board of School Commissioners.

If I can be of any assistance to you in anyway, in promoting the success of the Banquet, my services are unreservedly at your disposition.

Very truly yours

W. W. Lynch

Dr J. W. Dawson
McGill College
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McGill College.
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March 23/80

My dear Mr Lynch,

I thank you very much for your kind letter received to-day.

I shall attend to your suggestion in the matter of arrangements for the Lieut Governor, and shall hope that all will be satisfactorily managed. We shall of course give the Lieut Governor the place of honour and

shall be quite content if he will kindly speak in answer to the toast sent you. I have a letter from the Gov. General, and that and a little singing will as you suggest suffice for him.

As to an address, I rather like the suggestion and shall move it & the gentlemen at their meeting on Saturday next. The Medical

Faculty has I think already sent him a letter of congratulation, but there might be an address from the University. If presented before the banquet I presume this would have to be done at his Hotel. How would it do to present it publicly at Convocation on Saturday the 8th of his Honour can remain

in Montreal so long, that
cannot be more unpopular
& cenemnus,

Village Richelieu
24th March 1860

My Dear Dr Dawson —

I hope and think I shall be able to be with you on the 2d April — for the Govs meeting on Saturday it is not likely I can be there —

You must not rely upon me to say much — a few words about the former Governors I will try to speak if I see an opening for it but my time for doing these things is past.

I thank you for your kind invitation — Mrs Day has accepted Mrs Redpath's hospitality and it is I think better that you should not be prevented from receiving other friends from a greater distance — Yours kind regards

Yours sincerely Chas D. Day

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24 March 1880

My dear Dr. Dawson

I have seen the Lt. Governor and he agrees with you that Saturday at Convocation would be my far the better time to present the Address; he will stay over with pleasure if such be the decision of the Governors. I really hope they will decide to present him with the Address as it seems to me to be the proper thing to do. In the event of its being decided on to present an Address, please see that a copy of it is sent without delay to His Honor to enable him to prepare his reply before leaving Quebec. I feel sure the Banquet will be a great success.

Yours very truly
W. W. Lynch

Dr. J. W. Dawson
McGill College
Montreal

Lynch
Nov/80

Knowlton, 28 Mar.
'80.

My dear Principal,

Many thanks for your telegram, which relieved me a good deal. I don't know when I have been more troubled at hindrances in the way of my plans. My influenza has been a superlative torment in respect of the uncertainty under which it has kept me; all the while thinking I surely could start very soon, yet all the while hindered by weather, roads & influenza — together or separately. On Friday night, I went to bed fully meaning to have started by the morning train; but when morning came, I feared the risk & gave it up. Your telegram makes one conclude not to risk going in to-morrow either. But I am writing to Judge Torrance, to ask him whether one or other of them would not come out to Wakefield for me, — so as to set me free to come in on Wednesday or Thursday. I am far from sure that this can be done. But at least of this you

may be certain, that I shall be in as soon as I can, & that I shall lightly fail Friday or Saturday's gathering.

I see from the papers that Hinckley, too, has been ill. And of course, Fall is now gone. — All the same, further reflection only drives me back more & more to the policy of widening the "graduate" question, & taking time to it. Without unwise pledges, we have got to deal satisfactorily with the whole matter of graduate-influence on the Corporation board, as well as on the Governors' board. And, with due care taken, I feel sure we can. But of this, when we meet.

I have seen Lynch for a moment since his return for our Easter Monday meeting here — which again interposes an obstacle in the way of my spending to-morrow in town. He tells me he is to be with us on Friday; & mentions Robinsaille's coming, & the proposed address to him, — a step I am of course glad of. The address, I take for granted will be from the Corporation; not simply from the Governors.

By the way, when will the Corporation meet? I have had no word. And I only got my Gov.rs' meeting notice for the 27th under date of the 24th. It is a pity Bagnall seems not to remember about the longer notice to be given for Gov.rs' meetings. Hickson

specially asked for a week; I ferried & promised him he should have it. And we told Baynes of the promise. But I must stop; having more other letters to write, than I know how to get through.

Yours most truly

Christopher Dunkin.

P.S. – I expect to reach the "Tofts House, Waterloo" by Tuesday morning; my chief thence for town must depend on what I hear from Lonance.

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Oct/80

Montreal, Apl 22, 1880

My dear Dr Dawson

I have just received your note.

I think that the question of Site was referred to the Estate Committee which ought to report to the Governors. On that report the question of keeping the ground in front open can come up.

Mr Baynes might summon the ~~Estate~~ Estate Committee

to meet at half past twelve or a quarter to one on Saturday and the report as to site could then be decided on.

I shall be glad if you will call at Hutchinson's office to see the plans on which but little further progress has yet been made as they are busy on plans for the proposed Exhibition here in September.

Yours respectfully
Peter Redpath

Principal Dawson

Redpath
Apr/80

Village Richelieu
27th April 1880

My dear Dr Dawson —

I was sorry not to have been at the Governors' Meeting last Saturday — but some matters of importance to me combined with feebleness of health prevented, and will prevent me from going to Town for the Corp^n Meeting to morrow — On Friday however I will with God's blessing be with you. I am a sadly useless member of the Board and my conscience constantly suggests that I ought not

to continue in an Office when I am unable to perform its duties —

I was glad to hear that Judge Dunkin has made progress with the new Statutes — and that the way is open for the appointment of new Lords the names given by you — McKay Ramsay and McLaren meet my full approval — but what are we to do about Abbott — and must we give up the idea of having Mr W. F. McDonald — I think we must consider carefully before doing so —

About the site of the Museum I am somewhat perplexed Mr Baynes writes me "it was fixed in the flat

flat below the terrace - and in a line with the West side of the Molson Hall" I thought it was to have been on the other side of the Avenue near your garden - but I suppose I shall understand all about it Friday —

Many thanks for your kind intention about the worms but I am glad they are so worthily filled

With kind regards to Mrs Dawson and your circle believe me

Yours sincerely

Ds D. Day

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Knowlton, 3 May 80.

My dear Principal,

I should have dropped you just a line yesterday to say we got out "O.K." but that I was really too tired to do anything whatever. To-day I am feeling a little more up to the mark; & W.D. too. But (as you know) I must hold Court to-morrow at Fairham, & also at Sweetbough, either Wednesday or Friday. From something I hear I am a little afraid I may be kept at Fairham into Wednesday. And in that case, my Sweetbough work will dickinize me for Friday.

I left a bundle of papers for Bagnet. If, either as to the lawyers about the amending clause, or as to those about the degree matters, you have any doubt, how to instruct Bagnet, or your sending or getting him to depict any sort of draft, I will read & return it if, if you like, you can keep the matter open for my being in again.

At the last, I positively could not see Baynes myself.

By the way, I think it of considerable importance that the papers in the threatened mandamus matter should be laid before Bethune as soon as possible. So that he may be ready whenever the ball opens. I have little doubt myself of Burke's concluding to go to law. And if it is not well to put off our preparations to the last moment. Of course, Kerr should take a prominent part for our course in laying the thing before Bethune. And he should be asked as to the handing over of a retainer. Probably there is no good reason now for asking him to give us any sort of opinion right off. But we certainly ought to know informally how he regards the case.

Pray let me know how you conclude on acting as to this. In order that I may settle it with myself whether to write at all to Bethune, if so, how. But do not think I am wanting more than just a line.

In haste, but with my wife's as well as my own best love to all your house

Yours most truly

J. A. M.

Drummond
May 1880

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Knowlton, 1 May
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My dear Principal,

Your note reached me duly last night. I have not here at hand my copy of the letter of last year. But my memory is at fault if it was not clear as to the withdrawal of the submission. Mr. Butler's intimation that he does not understand, strikes me as amusingly thin. I certainly would rather have it as it comes, than as other criticism might have come founded on the withdrawing resolution & its peculiar terms. Bagnet's answer is quite right & has got to be adhered to. Anything Mr. Butler will address to Corporation will be duly laid before it & answer given thereafter as it shall order. But no one wishing for it can

safely anticipate its answer.

Meanwhile, the more outrageously the powers of the Faculty are argumentatively pressed against us, — perhaps, the better.

For the moment, I rather incline to think we may have yet another letter or two before resort to law. I shall not be sorry.

In haste,

Yours most truly

A.L.

P.S. — I think you may make your mind easy as to Butler's real knowledge of the later resolutions of the Law Faculty. He has got the words of their first resolution; which (if you remember) he some time ago suggested that the J. or some one might have destroyed. Archibald told me not long since of his cousin to him to see it (by the Bill) and understood him to have seen the others too. In my own mind I do not doubt his having copies of them etc. — I return the enclosures, with copies.

Drukin
May 6/80

Dunkin June 8/80

find here a letter from Ramsay (somehow dated the 12th) telling me he is to leave Montreal the 18th for Europe! It is most vexatious that I have not seen him, I had not written (now cannot write) to him. I am not at all sure but that the Fellows' Prize would be held over to my advantage. Still, you may rely on my working for it! Other College matters every instant that I can to avoid need for such delay. Had the Chancellor seen R. before he left? Really, matters do seem to go very much astray. I am rather sorry my more cautious style of procedure was not followed. And I assure you I am most anxious not to be a missing man again. Had I gone in on the 12th, I should surely (though) have broken down utterly before now. The Quebec week was what I ought not to have risked.

But I must not now be writing what need not be written! Hoping as I do, to see you!

Yours most truly
C.A.

P.S. I shall probably have to come in by the Tuesday's train. I hope you have all recovered from your sickness. I wonder if you will be able to see me.

Ft. Wm. 19 June 80.

My dear Principal,

Your two letters of the 14th, with their enclosures, reached me duly, sent on to Lochbuie; whence we are just returned. I could not possibly write you so much as a line while there. It was all I could do, to stand the mere term work. But I am thankful to say, I just managed to do so without a break down. I ought now to take a thorough rest. Perhaps, I may not be able to help it. But if I possibly can, I shall be in for the 2nd, & stay over the meeting of the 26th. Understanding Mrs Dawson to have by now left for the sea side, we propose quartering ourselves this time on the Smitheses.

To my great annoyance, I

Quebec 23rd June 1880

My dear Dr Dawson

In Reply to yours of the 20th inst

I was able to get a Conversation with Robertson this morning which was unsatisfactory, Mr Lynch has had one of his bad attacks, and was not able to see me until this afternoon, Mr Church was with him at the time, and your letter to me was read, and after due consideration Lynch & Church advised that you go along doing the work of the Normal School as at present, in the estimates next year if they cannot get it done, apply the fees

but they think if you do the work it will be got in the estimates as it is, in this year - the French has not paid in their fees —

You will therefore keep things as they are, and as they ought to be, we agreed that whatever is curtailed in expenditure Education must not —

It will be better to say nothing more to Robertson on this matter until next year when Parliaments met then he will be told that the work could not be reduced, and secure efficiency in Normal School work —

Yours truly

Principal Dawson

L. Ferrier

Spencer
Trueb
Jr

McGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL

June 25/80

My dear Dr Church,

By request of Dr Moore near Lunte to you to ask your kind interest in some amendments to the Act of Incorporation of the Presbyterian College of Montreal. The Assembly has directed the Theological colleges to apply

for power to give Theological
Degrees, and this
is the object of the
amendment. Our
interest in the matter
in the bill is that
it gives us from the
request preferred to us
some time ago by
this affiliated Theo-
logical college to

some dummy degrees,
a request very em-
barrassing to us. We
are therefore glad that
they should take
the matter into
their own hands,

Copy to Wurtele

June 29/80

My dear Mr Wurtele,

A Mac Vicar desires me to explain to you respecting the Amendment to the Act of incorporation of the Boston College, that the College has applied for the past Fortnight to grant Divinity degrees ~~to our~~ University, which ~~has~~ ~~thought it best for~~ ~~the present not to~~ but this was declined ~~this field~~ ~~enter into~~ ~~of competition~~; and as there is no other University in this province

But that application could be made by a Presbyterian institution, and the authorities of the College do not wish to apply to Ontario Universities, they have asked and obtained permission from the General Assembly to apply for the amendments in question. So far as the bill is concerned, their success in obtaining the power sought will be to our advantage, as delivering us from a troublesome and unprofitable question.

Truly yours

J W Dawson

Hutchison & Steele
Architects.

Hutchison
181, Citizens Insurance Buildings.
St. James Street.

Montreal, June 30th 1880

Dear Sir

The drawings so far prepared for the Museum building are only working drawings and quite unfit to send to an exhibition as a specimen of architectural drawing, or give a correct idea of the finished appearance of the building.

If we can possibly get the time we will prepare a perspective drawing that will give a better idea of the building and which we would be willing to exhibit.

No convenient place has been provided for a marble slab on which to inscribe the name of the donor. I do not think Mr. Redpath would like to have his name so placed. The placing of monumental

slabs on the front of our public buildings is rather overdone in Montreal and too common. I would suggest that a bust of the donor on a tablet with an inscription should be placed in the main hall.

What do you think of having the corner stone laid by H.R.H. Princess Louise about the beginning of September. I have not mentioned it to Mr. Redpath, but if you think well of it and should propose it to him he may consent

Yours truly
H. B. Hutchison

Alfred D. Stephens
June 80

My dear Sir,

I have several times
suggested to you the propriety of
doing some for Mopla; and the
matter was by Catty Mendums
in connection with a similar gift
by Weir and in consequence
my note to Church in Chapel
Chain and they have been
to strengthen a staff, the
endowment of $30,000 for
the of pastor & state would
effect this end and
carry with the name
of the donor to be
perpetually attached to the
chair. May I not suggest
to Church of this. The
liberality of the for a fellow
or perhaps a number to cost
$80,000 should be a

Should you wish friends also to be invited by number to the admission of the to hand up to the next place of meeting. Please [illegible] the Hall of the School, as the hall during which the Matter [illegible] shall be for publication.

McGILL NORMAL SCHOOL.

SESSION 1879-80.

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Your attendance is respectfully invited.

W. H. HICKS,

Principal.

Dear Sir

I have thought much of your proposition of Stillman as a governor and have wished that he could be induced to take that an interest in the College as would make his name acceptable to the Board when a new appointee to be made. Do you think he could be induced to do anything in the way of endowment, the Trustees would at this moment accept an endowment of $2000 or $30 for a chair of civil engineering and if any Rutgers man could be found to give it I am sure the fact would commend him to the gratitude of the Trustees as well as perpetuate his name in connection with the chair. I do not

Copy to
Hickson
June/80

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Mr. Hicks —
Mr. & Mrs. Hicks request
the pleasure of Mr. Hicksson's
company at the Annual Meeting
of the McGill Normal School
on Tuesday June 29th at 3 P.M.

Day July 1880

Villa Richelieu
Dominion day
1880

My Dear Dr Dawson

I perfectly concur with you about the selection of the 4th Governor but feel at a loss, in thinking over our wealthy men, where to find one fitted for the office – I was greatly put out – I was greatly put out at what seemed the necessity of

of passing by that staunch
friend of the University Mr
McD- and am not without
misgiving that we are
sacrificing substantial
benefits to a shadow —
The only name which I
can suggest is Mr Workman's
Perhaps in your circle of
acquaintances which is very
much larger than mine —
you may find others more
to be relied upon — Mr W's
treatment of the University
in the matter of his sub-
-scription has left upon my
mind

mind an unpleasant impression, but there are some strong reasons for his appointment —

If you have any body in view your selection I feel sure would satisfy me — and be pretty certain of acceptance by the other governors — I should like to hear from you again about it — for I think it desirable to make a choice for the appointment next Sept ~~if~~ possible —

I congratulate you on the conclusion of your college and

and School work for the year - and hope you will enjoy & profit by the rest you so much require.

Yours sincerely

W. D. Day

I forgot to say that I ~~have~~ do not think it advisable to appoint another graduate at present - C. D. D

Hutchison & Steele
Architects—

181, Citizens Insurance Buildings,
St. James Street.

Montreal, July 9th 1880

Dear Sir

Respecting the setting of the corner stone of the Museum building I think that about the latter part of the month of September will answer very well. I understand His Excellency the Governor General and the Princess Louise will be in the City on the 21st & 22nd of September to open the Industrial Exhibition, The sooner you could communicate with Mayor Drummond on the subject the better

Yours truly
A. C. Hutchison

Hutchison
Aug/80

Have shd a Tele
Copy saying that
the letter is referred
to the Vice Chan-
cellor & that
he will hear
again 15 July 80

McGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL

Dr Dawson,

I enclose Mr Courtenay's letter; I do not like to establish a precedent without authority, and it seems to me a question that the Faculty of Arts should receive the sanction of Corporation before we begin to issue such credentials under the University seal which I have no right on my individual judgment to apply to document

even of no greater weight
than the one now requested.
Mos pro lege will un-
-questionably be established
if you give this young Gentle-
-man the certificate and
it will be of annual demand
for there is no doubt it is
to be made a stalking-horse
to avoid Matriculation

Examinations into the study of professions, if this has no objections, it would be easy to give such, but I think it should be paid for, if this young gentleman made use of his certificate here he would pay a Registration fee. Kindly send me your wishes on the subject. I have had a letter from

Bagnes
Feb 1860

Mr. Kidd - Deputy Governor General's Secy saying that the letter to the Governor General had been forwarded - All well - applications coming in for Calendars six or eight a day I send the abstract when the other is not specified -

With our kind regards
Ever Yours very Truly
W McBagnes

Day

Villa Richelieu
15th July 1880

My dear Dr Darwin

I was in Turin a day or two since and had a talk with Mr Redpath about the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new museum — He wishes to understand what the programme is to be and particularly what part he is expected to take in it —

I

I told him I would write
to you and we would
try to arrange the plan
of the proceedings — I understand
you expect the Governor
General and the Princess
to be present, as he to
lay the corner stone — or
Mr Redpath — I suppose
there are to be some addresses
a procession etc — Have you
settled in your mind the
order of things and if you
have, will you inform me
about

it at your leisure —

It is cruel to trouble you even with this light business in the first days of your repose — I hope the sea breezes and the relaxation are repairing the waste of the last ten months — It was suggested among some of the governors that the celebration of your twenty fifth year of service should be followed by a year's leave of absence — but the museum project would I suppose make you unwilling to be away

until

until you see its completion
— I should like to know
how you feel on this subject
and whether you would
be disposed to avail yourself
of an opportunity of getting
away for a time from the
worry and hard work of
the University —

I hope you are all well
in your cool Summer
residence — Mrs Day joins
me in kindest regard and
remain

Yours sincerely

W. D. Day

Bryner
July 1/80

My dear Dr Dawson,

I received Mr. McCherry's application enclosed in your note & forwarded him the certificate direct as he is not living at Hamilton as J. D. Courtenay is, whose I forwarded as you wished to Prof. Dickson. I send the certificates as applied for and required by the Association. Our weather has for the last week been cold & very pleasant. I expect Mr. Drakenridge back on the 28th & shall then get a holiday myself. There is nothing special. I have received the Gov. Grant of $500. for the Observatory and a request from the Ass. Gov. by

to apply to the Rome Medallists for their photos which I did -
No news from the Government about the Normal School, & I have not sent in any Statement - having no Balance to remit -
I shall send in the usual Pay sheet for 1st August & the Bill for coal now delivered - but there must be sent the application for the Ayes for the last session previous to this - I do not see any notice of the breaking up of the Prov. Parl. though I hear it will be next week; I hope

you had your share of the rain which fell in sheets here, making the cricket ground like a pond for a time, every thing looks up after it & the yellow grass turns blue green again - the place is quite beautiful & the streets full of Americans, the Montrealers themselves gone for the largest part -

Loren James Ives

W. Baynes

McGill Coll 24 July 81

No answer absolutely as to the laying the Corner stone the Bishop explained to me that this is the proper name not foundation stone

It was as well that we asked the Governor General & not the Princess, as Mr. Redpath thought, for I see she leaves early next month for England & we could hardly with a good grace have turned from one to the other -

Bagnes

Sept 21st 1889

Geo. Ross

Dear Sir Wm Dawson.

Colonel De Winton has written to say that the Gov.r Genl. will lay the corner stone on Tuesday the 21st Sept.r at 11.30 A.M. His Ex.y congratulates the Governors on the munificent donation of Mr. Peter Redpath —

I am patiently waiting to hear from the Government about the money for the

Here - I will send you another Cheque for Mr Dawson.

Normal School & shall
D.V. leave this on Monday
the 2d for Cape Ayte whither
my Wife has flown - It is
quite cold here, these late
rains have changed the weather
completely - Mr. Brakenridge
has not yet made his
appearance but will most
likely turn up in a day or two.
Your Dr George left us last
evening & my Dr George went
with his Mother by boat -
all as usual - a good many
Prince Edward Applications
I always send the full Calendar

as appears by the Annual certificate over the seal of the Minister of Finance & Inc
in May 1880

I hereby certify that _____
paper in the examination instituted for the
certificate of apprentice in arts (by this Min-
(Quebec) ~~for the~~ - and that the Board cer-
~~certificate~~ ~~is~~ are accepted by this Minister in the
course for first year matriculants in the
Faculty of Arts

Bagnes

2. August

My dear Dr Dawson,

I write one line before leaving to say that your cheque is deposited, also that Mr. Redpath has seen the Governor General's resp.g & your letter to me as he might wish to make the occasion, one, in which he could present something to the Marquis himself. I replied to Colonel de Winton that at an early date I should present his letter to the

Governors & presented their
thanks - The Government
have not sent the Normal
School money therefore though
my audit is over, I am unable
to make a return - I am
very sorry to tell you that
Hebert has just come to my
office & reported that Mr
Jesse Joseph brought up from
the Gas works a quantity
of Gas liquid & compos

and laid it all along the inside of our fence on his garden side the consequence has been that all our trees I fear will be killed - I ordered a French Bill cut immediately to separate the roots but I am afraid its too late for the leaves are falling it was the appearance of the trees that attracted the attention of Herbert who immediately went into Mr Joseph's garden & saw what

he had done – I have directed Mr Brakenridge to see Mr Redpath about it immediately –

The other particulars of your note I will attend to through Mr Brakenridge.

Very Truly Yours

W. C. Dawes.

F. Weir

McGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL

Little Metis
Aug 6/80

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 1st reached me at this place which will account for delay in reply. At page 28 of the calendar which I send with this you will see that in order to obtain exemptions in the 4th year candidates must have taken Honours

in the ~~course~~ subject for which they propose to enter, in the third year. This would exclude you from examinations, Besides this ~~these~~ from the lists it appears that you did not pass in Zoology last session, and this is a subject essential to the Honours Course in Geology as the knowledge of fossils

depends on it.

In these circumstances I would not encourage you to venture for the Lagan medal even if there should be no other candidate. There may however be something in your case which is not before me. If you attended St Saviours Church lectures last Sepr and if you attended the lectures in Feby even without paying the recommendation

there might be some
chance of taking honors
If either or both of the
candidates enter into pr
Come please inform me
and I shall consider
the matter further.

Truly yours
W Dawson

Almonte Aug 6th

J. W. Dawson Esq.

Dear Sir:-

In looking over the minutes of the meeting of the Medical council held in Toronto I find that they have resolved to accept Intermediate as matriculation in Medicine & knowing that a matriculation in either Kingston or Toronto is accepted by McGill I wish to know if I will be exempt from matriculating as I have a 2nd A Intermediate. If so it would save me a great deal of time as I am teaching & would find it almost impossible to get away

Your humble Servant

James H Young
Almonte

Young
Student
Chy/80

Montreal, August 7, 1880.

The Principal
Mc Gill University,

Sir

You would confer a favor, by giving me particulars as to your law courses — studies necessary to pass the entrance examinations this fall — and all attendant expenses.

Yours &c
A. A. Chambers

Post Office Address
"St Henri"
Montreal.

Chamber
Aug/80

Rec'd Aug 20 1880
Ans 20

Montreal, Aug 19 1880

My dear Dr Dawson

Your note of 3rd instant reached me in due course. If there is to be a ceremony in laying the Corner Stone the day fixed by the Governor General will suit me very well.

My imagination has not

not yet suggested to me
what part I can take in
it other than that of an
interested spectator.
There is an enormous
amount of work in the
foundation and the work
is being thoroughly well
done which is so far satis-
factory to me.
My wife and I intend
leaving Quebec on September
25th. I suppose I shall
have

have to come back for
short time in a few months
but we will try so to arrange
that we may have a lengthened
holiday.

My wife drove in to church
last Sunday morning - that
was the first time she had
been outside of the gate since
the day of the accident -
She sometimes feels a little
discouraged on account of
the slow progress she makes
towards complete recovery

but

but we see no reason whatever to anticipate any permanent injury.

Hutchison (the builder) should be informed in good time of the size of bottle or box which will be deposited in the corner stone so that he may have the hole cut accordingly. He says that sometimes a glass bottle is enclosed in a leaden box.

I have not seen Mr Baynes yet about the bowel and gavel.

We are pleased to learn of the birth of a ~~[illegible]~~ granddaughter to you & Mrs Dawson. Please accept our congratulations.

Yours very truly
Peter Redpath

Dr Dawson - Metis

McGill University, Montreal

McGill College
16th August 1880

Dr. Dawson

Dear Sir

Your letter addressed to Mr. Bayues or myself came to hand this morning.

I have sent the advertisement to the Witness. I will put it in the other papers when I get an answer to a telegram I sent Mr Bayues to day, as to how often I should put it in & in how many papers as soon as I hear from him I will see that it goes into the other papers.

Hutchinson Salmon says that he is leaving a good space for Records &c. He says that there is plenty of time so that he will see you on 24th when you come to town

I wrote to Mr Bayne after making enquiries about Gilt Silver or only Plated

Silver Costing from $20 upward
Plated " " $10 "

I do not know whether he has written you about this or not.

The Resolution you ask for I will enclose a copy of

With kind regards

Yours very truly

J. W. Ballentine

Brethren
Oct 1/80

McGill College,
Montreal. Sept 22, 1880

My dear Col. De Winton,

I think it right to apologise to you for the want of proper arrangement yesterday in receiving His Excellency at the College. One intention was that the carriages should come to the Library door instead of to

the centre Door and
on this account the
Chancellor and others
were not at the
proper place to receive
this Excellency. I had
also as I thought
arranged that they
should be brought
to the proper place
to receive the party

our departure, but this
also failed. I trust
these little surprises
will be overcome, as
our college people are
not very familiar with
such occasions as that
of yesterday. Glad I
can express for them
we all feel exceedingly
grateful to his Excellency

De Witt
Sept 1/80

for the kind hey as well
as graceful manner
in which he spoke
and acted on the
occasion.

I shall also in-
tend to have the
honor of introducing it to
the Society, and
shall be glad to have
this done if you think
it desirable.

Truly yours
E. M. Dow

Windsor Hotel.

22nd Sept: 1880

Dear Mr. Dawson.

Mrs Lee hopes you will not grieve over the arrangements at the ceremony at McGill College; as he was quite

Satisfied with his

kindly reception.

He also wishes me

to thank you for the

book.

always truly yours.

J. E. Winton

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Village Richelieu
14th Oct: 1880

My Dear Dr Dawson

I am glad to hear that the meeting of The Committee at Quebec was so satisfactory - at this season of the year I was afraid to undertake the journey - I will try to be in Town for the Governors' meeting on the 23d but I don't believe I can induce Mrs Day to go with me -

and

shall only be there for the day - I must therefore keep your kind invitation for a future infliction upon you. We are all well here and have enjoyed the wonderfully fine weather. Mrs Day joins me in kind regards and I remain as ever

Yours sincerely

Th D Day

Day Oct/80

Markgraf

Mt. St. Hilaire, Que:
Novr. 17th, 1880.

Principal Dawson, LLD.
&c &c &c

My dear Sir

I regret very much that I cannot keep my promises as to my return to town — Dr. Jeannotte of St. Hilaire told me yesterday that it would be unsafe to leave the house for six or seven days more — I am just now suffering severely from inflammation of the glottis; and this with other ailments — of which I had quite a complication — and my confinement to bed during the greater portion of the

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time have rendered me very weak and despondent – I fear very much that the Christmas Examinations with my Classes can hardly take place; – and as for the poor Library, which especially this Session has already been largely attended, I feel deeply grieved, as well as at the trouble that must devolve upon You and the great inconvenience caused to both, Professors and Students. – I have by this time learned sufficiently that a man is happiest when at his post – – I shall write as soon as I feel well enough to leave for town.

I remain

My dear Sir

Yours

very truly

O. F. A. Markgraf

(Turn over)

Note 1. It will be well as a precautionary measure if Borrowers returning Books leave the same on my desk, inserting among the leaves a slip of paper with their name and number of vols returned. — —

2. Periodicals coming in ought to be entered in the Pamphlet-Book by Mr Martin on Saturdays and placed on the shelves —

C F A M

Dunkin

Knowlton, 19 Nov.
80.

My dear Principal,

Your note of the 17th only came to hand last night.

I do not gather from ~~your~~ it whether your idea is to have Day & myself write to Bethune at once. My inference rather is that Rees & others of the Faculty have been at him. No great harm, if so. And yet, such overtures to an outsider ought not first to reach him otherwise than through us governors or some of us. Of course, I will do all I can to get Bethune to come in. But I wait to hear how I should open the subject. The precedence the Faculty incline to offer, has its difficulties. On the Faculty they can acquiesce in whatever they please. But it is not to be supposed that men of any other Faculty will care to let their names go below his on the General list. It would be odd to have the General list order one thing & the Faculty order another. And certainly we could not assign precedence to any one over another who had not yielded it. The Faculty should make him their Representative Fellow. Before long, too, we could probably give him an Honorary D.C.L.

I am only mending slowly; too

slowly I dare to hope I be at the Founders' Festival, or Governors' meeting, or gathering of the C.P.P. at Quebec. But I will write you further as to Governors' meeting business in a day or two. I have had to put off all manner of serious work. and I am now writing in a hurry — a sort of mere "lick & promise" line — ad interim. Lynch is here, & I hope to get a little talk with him. But as yet, we have only met once, & then rather to adjourn talk than to have it out.

Mrs D. is writing your good lady. Pray take her note as supplementing this of mine.

Yours most truly

Nicholas Flood Davin.

Norman
No 180

Montreal Nov. 23.

My dear Dr. Dawson

I quite concur with the draft of the letter to Mr. Lynch & I do not think I have any amendments or additions to suggest. I had thought that the Associate of Arts Diploma might in 2 or 3 clause have been incorporated as a suggestion. But that might come up hereafter, as a question of detail. I think it a matter of moment that a good general education

should be encouraged in the case of youths, and that a certificate of this should be considered as tantamount to matriculation, and as the basis required before the any special curriculum for of the 3 professions stated in the preamble be entered upon.

I do not want to press this, as the question may come up hereafter. If we can secure the passing of the main features of the letter, it will be a great gain to the cause of real education. The Central Board I fear is too much yet to hope for.

Yours sincerely
R. W. Norman

Knowlton, 25 Nov. '88.

My dear Principal,

Since my last to you, I have received yours of the 22d.

I had hoped before now to have written you an long on all manner of College matters. But I have not been able. This week I have been kept in several ways disagreeably busy. And (what has been worse) I have by no means gone on mending in health. All I can say is that as far as I can, I yet will write you by to-morrow's mail. I hope you will get that write before the Saturday meeting — the hour being 2 P.M. I hardly think it will be worth while to address you at the Bank. But as I may change my mind as to this, you may as well enquire there for anything from me.

Bassett has sent me a very silly note from W. W. Walker; which I return him by this mail. If you have not seen it, please ask him for it. My first idea was to draft an instant answer. My second is, either to reward it with silence ("not answering" "lest thou be made like unto him") or, at any rate postponing answer till we see whether or not any one else

following this. The Board (if inclined to this last course, might perhaps refer it to the Comte Chaised with the matter of these writing papers regulations, for report. I would then draft an answer to serve for all like cases of protest. I really am not able to do this at the moment; hurried & poorly, and dam. I shall keep a copy of my wire many silly production. I rather fear I may have to tax my brother governor with the holding of a special meeting of form, in reference to the writing papers &c. unless much better to-morrow than to-day. I must. But I do assure you I am very, very sorry indeed.

In haste,

Yours most truly

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Dear Rus
Nov 80

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High School, November 25th, 1880.

Dear Mr

I forward herewith a copy of the total results of the examinations of last April compared with those of April 1879, and beg your attention to the following points.

1. The returns are expressed in percents, except the ages which are given in years, and are all made up on the Commissioners' examination papers, except, of course, the Reading, and except the Total, which is made up on the whole results of the Commiss^rs and the Teachers' Exam^ns together.

2. Dictation shows a slight regression, not due, I think, to any increased difficulty in the exam^n.

3. Returns for reading and writing prove that teachers are better pleased with the work of '80.

4. There is decided progress in Arith^c in every class except the Seniors; even in the Senior grade there is slight improvement on the whole, tho' the work in interest and proportion is not so good as in '79. In comparing the papers set in the two years I conclude that the papers in the simple and compound rules were much alike, that the paper in fractions was a little more difficult in '79, and that the paper in interest and proportion was much harder in 1880.

5. Improvement is evident in the French of every grade but the Senior. It is possible that the questions of 1880, tho' apparently as difficult as those of '79, were better adjusted to the work done; but making all allowance for this, it is clear that the Commiss^rs wisely changed the text-books in French in the Intermediate grade, and should perhaps proceed to a change in the 2nd Primary.

6. The work done in Scripture Hist^y shows the stimulus imparted by doubling the marks given for it. The questions were of equal difficulty in the two years, except that those of 1880 for the first intermediate year were better suited to the age and capacity of pupils.

7. The marked improvement in the Geog^y of Intermediate grade is due to the very useful practice of filling in sketch maps as a school exercise. The indefinite character of the work in Senior Classes tells against success.

8. The Grammar of the two years can scarcely be compared, for the paper set for the 2nd Intermediates ~~last~~ year was more suitable than that of the year before, while the reverse was true of the paper set for the Seniors.

9. The History paper was well answered in 1880.

On the whole work was better done in 1880 than in any previous year. The results witness to great faithfulness and skill on the part of teachers generally. It will, however, be necessary to secure a better limitation of Geography in Senior grade, and of Scripture in the 2nd Intermediate grade. The French book of the 2nd Primary grade is unsuitable. We need a little more attention, perhaps a little more time, for Grammar and Composition in Senior Classes.

That we may discuss these matters I have to ask you to meet me at the Office of the Board on Saturday next at half past nine o'clock.

Yours very truly G. P. Robins.

Comparison of Average Results of April Exams 1879 & 1880 Protestant Common Schools, Montreal.

	Second Primary			First Intermed.			Second Intermed.			Senior		
	'79	'80	Dif.	'79	'80	Dif.	'79	'80	Dif.	'79	'80	Dif.
Age	9·5	9·7	·2	10·9	11	·1	12	11·9	-·1	13·1	12·9	-·2
Reading	80	85	5	81	84	3	83	85	2	86	86	—
Writing	82	87	5	80	83	3	85	87	2	85	88	3
Dictation	74	84	10	88	87	-1	93	88	-5	94	93	-1
Simple Rules	69	77	8	81	85	4	92	94	2	97	98	1
Comp^d Rules				50	67	17	58	64	6	72	80	8
Fractions							43	55	12	58	63	5
Interest & Prop^n										51	34	-17
Total Arith^c	75	83	8	72	77	5	69	76	7	72	73	1
French	41	52	11	46	63	17	52	72	20	68	65	-3
Scripture	44	56	12	36	46	10	52	62	10			
Geography				45	70	25	38	56	18	62	57	-5
Grammar							55	67	12	63	58	-5
Ages										74	75	1
History	(Note. Except ages all these figures represent percentages of answers to questions furnished by the Prot. Board of School Commissioners.)									59	70	11
Latin										62	62	—
Total	69	75	6	68	73	5	71	77	6	79	78	-1

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Knowlton, 26 Nov.
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My dear Dawson,

I dare say mine by last mail will have prepared you in some measure for a pretty poor letter by this. It has not been my fault, though. Last night some hebetudes came upon me, that has taken a sad hole out of to-day. And I have been poorly, besides. My notions of putting into your hands drafts of the Degree Statute, & of the Fellows Regulations, must stand over. Even yesterday I had a faint idea of getting up something for an adjourned meeting. But I see too small chance before our next regular meeting. — The very truth is, I have been for most of the time pretty poorly, while, I hope to push through & mend, & some day work again.

As yet I have not been able to write to Bethune. Let me know how far matters are gone; that I may do it the better. The one I want to do all I can.

I more & more think the Walker letter had better not be answered in a hurry. Should it be held best to

take the other course, I should like at any rate to see a draft of any letter sent, before it is finally settled. It will never do for us to get into a lot of entangling correspondences with busy bodies individuals.

Whenever you can, you will much oblige me by an information as to your Quebec doings.

I mail this à l'ordinaire; you unable to add anything work sending direct to the Bank.

In haste,

Yours most faithfully

A.H.

McGILL UNIVERSITY MONTREAL

Dec 22/80

My dear Judge Dunkin,

I should have written before about our meeting on Saturday, but have since my return been so driven "from pillar to post" that I have literally been unable to do so. The ~~Award~~ Osborne Scott legacy was reported and arrangements made to attend to College interests in the division of the property. The payment of Mr Frances's $5000 was also

reported, and the Lord's opinion passed as satisfactory. This was the principal business. The Law Lords have again made arrangements with Wastle, and it seems in any case Bethune was unwilling to do anything.

Dr Muller, whom I met yesterday, tells me that he cannot advise you to attend to any business for some time, so that

of I were to come out
it would only be to take
any instructions & papers
you might have relating
to matters needing attention
before the Long meetings.
This I can do, if you
think it will be any relief
to you, to have these
matters disposed of for
the present. My time
this week is I fear entirely
occupied, with meetings
to day and examination
papers on Thursday & Friday.

Next week there is a meeting of the Lafalgan Institute on Wednesday about the Scott bequests, which I must attend in the interest of both that Institution & the College. On Thursday comes a meeting of Pet. Comrs, in re new School act, which I have promised to attend. So my possible visit is limited to the early days of the week. I could come out Monday & return Wedy morning.

Please inform me if you need like this, and I shall come with much pleasure, providing you will put into my hands all the college papers & memos, & do the best with them till I can attend to them. With all good wishes & kind regards,

Yours sincerely
J W Dawson

Copy to Drummond

McGill College.
Montreal. Nov 29/80

My dear Judge Drummond,

I regret more than I can tell you that your health continues to be so little improved. As to the matters of which you write, they must wait, and can wait for the present.

Bethune's matter did not come up before the Governors, as Walsh's resignation hangs fire. So perhaps it may be as well not to write until further notice. The Governors now

P.S. Mrs Hodges is dead, which will cause Judge Day to remain in town for five days.

even voted to make
Rees dean, and this
was all that was done,
except some matters relating
to interests & accounts. As
to Walker's letter, no answer
will be given at present.
Ramsay, who knows him,
may perhaps speak to
him about it. I fancy
he is a good enough fellow
but somewhat hasty and
presumptious.

At Quebec we
took up in addition to

Routine matters, the state of the Law respecting professional entrance exams, which Lynch is to attend to; that of Miles's retirement and the necessity of a good man & not a mere clerk in his place. This also is in Lynch's hands. The arrears of marriage licenses and one claims to share of the fund for inspection, which are to be prepaid upon Robertson, as well as the grants to the Normal school. The new School=

both law, and the proposed education bill, which committees are to look into before next meeting. We also gave Lynch our views as to the right of members of the Committee to fill vacancies in the Council. Arrangements were also made for an educational Journal. These were I think the principal matters, and I think some progress was made in all.

Sincerely wishing you her renewed health & all happiness,

Ever yours truly

J H Dawson

P.S. Mrs Rothwell is dead, which was cause Bishop Day to remain in town for some days.