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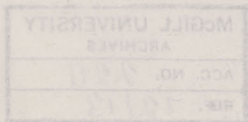
McGill College,
Montreal.

July 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

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to give my collections as
a permanent gift to the
College, and the preparation
for the first time of ade-
quate 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 suggest
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 con-
ditional on that of a Science
Building; or, even to sub-
stitute the latter. A Science
building in your name or
in that of any other bene-
factor 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.

McGill College.
Montreal.

Jan'y 19, 1880.

My dear Mr Redpath,

On Sundays I
sometimes have opportunity
to think over my way 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 pro-
posal with reference to
a museum building &
the need of this is no

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doubt great, especially in
 present circumstances, and
 the opportunity to give
 my collections as a
 permanent gift to the
 College, with the provision
 for the first time of adequate
 means for teaching, all
 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

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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 im-
provement in my own
department till these dis-
advantages can be remedied.

Would it not be
well in the first in-
stance to make the offer
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
funding 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 accommodations.

Be sure we are troubling you,
but you see conscience troubles me.
Sincerely yours
J. Dawson

Of course I am doing all I can to get in next week for the week of the 21st Jan. 80. about the 21st of the month.

Weekburgh
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 aware of the extent of my power to do half I'd gladly do toward relieving you. I exposed myself to racketed sound last time in town, a good deal too much. And I have had no real good quiet to speak of since. All last week I was here in Court here; it of my six days here, I spent nearly all of two last Thursday & Friday quite laid up, & pretty seriously ill. Thursday I could not get up to bed. However on Saturday I am thankful to say I was able to get on to Court, & to get home. Sunday & Monday, I was resting & mending. Yesterday I had a racketing day at home; but managed (I think) to mend a little more. And today 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. V.

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

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are Mulls

40 ST. JOHN STREET.

Montreal, 4 Jan^y 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 p 166 - 169. —

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

I thought I would write
to you instead of to Major
Wills as we might like to con-
-fer before seeing him.

Perhaps as if the Corporation
don't 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
Municipal Council
University

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Bellevue Richelieu
16th June 1880

My dear Dr Dawson

My last visit to Toronto
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 I do send
love

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 possession of trained teachers
for our schools - They had much
better reduce their subsidies to
Rail Road rings - and cut off
that Capital mortuum the
Legislative Council than take a
dollar from the Security Fund
granted for the instruction of
the people - But so it is with
all our forts. the interests of
the higher civilization go to the
wall before the bustling noisy
appetuous demands of material
progress.

perhaps - I wish I could
sweep out one Government, I would
make you Premier -

I was in hopes from a paragraph
which I saw in the newspapers
that the Dominion Post had
abandoned, for the time at least, the
intention of removing the
Geological Museum - The French
Members of that Post will ^{may} you
depend do nothing to help McGill
- Cartier was an ²⁰⁰inexpedient
to us.

With respect to ~~my~~ going in
to the Howard's 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 D. Day

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Redpath

Montreal, July 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 tomorrow.

I should be very loth
to change my purpose.

Could not the Science

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Department use a portion
of the museum temporarily.

There can be no objection
to your mentioning the
proposal to Mrs Wm. W.
Nelson as I spoke to
them about it nearly
two years ago.

In haste

Yours very truly
Peter Redpath

Micajah 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 Annual. In the Sup^{ts} Report, the Annual Expens^{es} of the three General Schools is placed at \$60,800. Pres. 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 Mr Baynes, as my act of inquiry.

To Mr. Quincy 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 errors inaccuracy
because it was my aim to give to
the Teachers of this City as accurate
an acct. as possible of our Education-
al progress.

I remain, Sir,

Yours very truly,

D. Dawson

Geo. W. Bailey

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Village Richelieu

16th Febry 1880

Dear Dr Dawson

The objects proposed
in your letter are such as must
excite 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 keep 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
Ch^s D. Day

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Village Richelieu

24th February 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 French
call Alma Mater and who
has given us so much
anxiety and trouble —

I shall (D.V.) be in town for
the Governor's meeting on Saturday
~~in~~ and a day or two afterwards

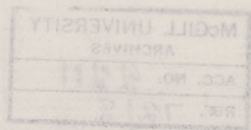
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as we have promised the
Redpaths a visit.

I dare not venture to Quebec
and I do not know what
could be of any use there
— I hold my place only until
some one can be found to
fill it and ~~not~~ shall ^{feel} obliged
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

Oliver D. Day



Day of
Leppo

I have not seen the
book to which you allude
I shall be of any use there
I shall only place copy
some one can be found to
fill it out and shall
if you will order the
I will order it next when
a receipt is given upon
I am
Yours truly
Chas. D. Day

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Sweetbush, 9 Nov.
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My dear Principal, your card
came to hand just as I was
starting from home this morn-
ing to come here. On my arriv-
al 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.T. carefully
enough to see your statement
of the object of the proposed Con-
ference; the words "projected he-
monial 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 H.S.
And I took the meeting to have
reference to that matter. As to
that, I was most particularly
anxious to be present wherever
it might come under discus-
sion. And it was that feeling

which made me telegraph. Had I had time to go carefully through the word, I probably should have been content with this mere note. Though, of course, if it is true I should wish to be said, with reluctance 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 what effect, here, direct; so that I may come if I can. For the Saturday, or at most any not early day, of next week, I presume I could get in. And I would put off anything short of downright out-holding, to get in.

Referring to the subject of that Circular. I dare say you have seen it. It is very polite in tone as regards the Gov^{ts}; & even in its form of request it is guardedly drawn: asking that as far as possible, the next appointments "should

Had he of graduates. Each graduate
addressed is asked to return
an answer indicative of his
request. The object of Combs be-
ing to serve us with a sort of
round robin that shall admit
of nothing but aye. And
the aye or nought, unless given
with a good deal of care,
would be likely to cause us
more than a little of trouble
hereafter. I am most expec-
tantly anxious that discussion
of this subject should not be
gone into at all between
any Comtee 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 points of our
deliverance thereanent.

The Circular upon the num-
ber 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 aris. 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 Council ought to have
the advantage of a mastery
of the controversy or discussion
as thorough as that of our
graduate friends, & also the
advantage of being a body
not speaking in pro nota, but
for others, & without impolit-
ic disclosure of possibly
various manus of personal
opinion among themselves.
I am, I repeat, very anxious
indeed on this point. I went
the other day carefully over
our graduates' list, to mark
out all the available possi-
bilities of graduate-fellow-
ships; & I must say I was aston-
ished to find how few there
were. It is not (I think) too
much to say that a much hard-
er task than that of pleasing
the body of graduates by a
choice of any 2 or even 3 from
among themselves, could hard-
ly be set us. And yet we abso-
lutely must by & give them
the public too, all the sp in pro not a
tion we possibly can. My own

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Idea of the policy we have got
to follow, is one that requires
a little time for its carrying
out, & some reticence mean-
line ~~to~~ - or 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 judicious-
ly add to the force of the grad-
uates on the Corporation in
that way. In fact, I would
make the four's fellowship
a sort of stepping stone to
the governorship. Just at pre-
sent, I think I would alto-
gether hold back in the making
of new four's. Any choice we
could make of graduates
per salpium, would be more
than it would please. But
our taking three or four re-
presentative or ex-represent-
ative or claimant-represent-
ative fellows might be made
in a way to give a good deal
of satisfaction and infusion,
It might work towards the
ultimate step before long.
I am writing in a hurry

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

For the matter of the Memorial Hall, I shall be too 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 I through whom the graduates' ^{committee} ~~committee~~ may confer; on which ^{committee} ~~committee~~ I should certainly much wish to be named.

I have no doubt I could be in some time next week; I would do my very best in that direction gladly. Indeed, if I hear from you that the meeting (for whatever end) is to be held ^{at any place, even if it will do my best to read against it in} ~~at any place, even if it will do my best to read against it in~~ ^{at any place, even if it will do my best to read against it in} ~~at any place, even if it will do my best to read against it in~~ in haste, yours most truly
G.A.

M. 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 sug-
gestions 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 you Excellency

His Excellency

The Right Honble, The Marquis of Lorne }

for the crepe papers of interest
in the movement contained
in your letter of the 2d inst;
though after the gifts re-
cently made, I would 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 far as calling supplies, a serious blow to Science and education in this Province, where neither is of 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 me
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 im-
portant departments are more
valuable than those of the
Survey. We hope also that Mr
Delwyn will be able to leave
some of his duplicate material,

Thanking you exceedingly very
sincerely for kind expressions with reference
to my son who I hope is yet to do
great things in Canadian geology.

Remain very respectfully yours
W. Dawson

This is
The

William Reckless
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 four
quarters 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.

I was much disappointed
at being unable to be with
you at the meeting, and am
nursing myself for the 2^d 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 depression 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 Benson and
remain

Yours sincerely

W. W. Day

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22 March 1880

My dear D^r Dawson

I have just had an interview with the P^r Governor concerning the subject to which reference is made in your letter of the 17th inst. His Honor desires me to say that he thinks it would be inappropriate to couple the two toasts of the "Governor-General" and "P^r 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. No one I think can reply for him without at least special authorization. The P^r Gouverneur 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 R^o: Governor with an address. It has been customary and already Laval has done so, and I should be very much pleased if our M^r: Gill 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 M^r: Guinet 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

M. M. Duché

D^r: J. W. Dawson

M^r: Gill College

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My dear Mr. Lyons,

I beg to thank
you very much for your kind
letter received today.

I shall attend
to your suggestion in the
matter of arrangements
for the next summer,
and shall hope that
all will be satisfactorily
managed. We shall of
course give the great success
the place of honor and

shall be quite content
if he will kindly speak
in answer to the trust
sent me. I have
a letter from the Genl,
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 meet it
to the Generals 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 3rd of
his Honour can remain

in Montreal so long, they
would be well equipped
& convenient,

17
Village Richelieu
24th March 1850

My Dear Dr Dawson -

I hope and think I shall be able to be with you on the 2^d April. For the first 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 forewings I will try to speak of if I see an opening for it but my time in doing these things is past.

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

Yours sincerely Chas D Day

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My dear Dr. Dawson

I have seen the R^e. Gouverneur and he agrees with you that Saturday at Convocation would be by 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. Ayer

Dr. J. W. Dawson
McGill College
Montreal



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Knowlton, 20 Mar.
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My dear Principal, Many thanks
for your telegram, which relieved
me a good deal. I don't know
when I have been more hounded
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, but
all the while hindered by weather,
road & influenza - together or separ-
ately. On Friday night, I went to
bed fully meaning to have started
by the morning train; but when morn-
ing came, I feared the risk I gave
up. Your telegram makes me
conclude not to risk going in to-
morrow either. But I am writing
to Judge Torrance, to ask him whe-
ther one or other of them would not
come out to Wabulob 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
gatherings.

I see from the Wives that Kinckley
Esq. had been ill. And of course, fact
is now gone. - all the same, further
reflection only drives me back more
& more to the policy of widening the
"graduate" question, & of taking time
to it. Without unwise pledges, we
have got to deal satisfactorily with
the whole matter of graduate - infla-
ence on the Corporation board, & will
as on the Governor's 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 Sun-
day meeting here - which again inter-
poses an obstacle in the way of my
returning to-morrow in town. He tells
me he is to be with us on Friday; &
mentions Kobisailie's coming, & my
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
Governor.

By the way, when will the Corpora-
tion meet? I have had no word. And
I only got my former meeting notice
for the 27th under date of the 15th.
It is a pity Baynes seems not to re-
member about the longer notice to
be given for former meetings. Kirkson

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especially asked for a week; I
Ferrer & I 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
Christie Larkin.

P.S. - I expect to reach the
"Foster House, Watfords" by Tuesday
morning; my start thence for
down must depend on what
I hear from Louisa.

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Montreal, April 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.

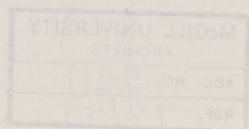
Mr. Baynes might summarize
the ~~estate~~ Estate Committee

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

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

Your receipt
Peter Keapah

Municipal Dawson



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Me/so

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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^s 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
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 food
The names given by you — Mc Kay
Runsey and Mc Laren — meet
my full approval — but what
are ^{we} to do about Abbott and
Must we give up the idea
of having Mr. T. 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
rooms but I am glad they
are so worthily filled

With kind regards to
Mrs Dawson and your
circle believe me

Yours sincerely
Otho 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 any-
 thing whatever. To-day I am feel-
 ing a little more up to the mark;
 I hope so. But (as you know) I
 must hold Court to-morrow at
 Fairham, & also at Sweetbush,
 either Wednesday or Friday. From
 something I hear, I am a little
 afraid I may be kept at it to-
 day Wednesday. And in that
 case, my Sweetbush work will
 postpone me for Friday.

I left a bundle of papers for
 Wagnor. If, either as to the petition
 about the amending statute, or
 as to those about the degree mat-
 ters, you have any doubt, how
 to instruct Wagnor, or your stud-
 ent, or getting him to sign any sort
 of draft I will read & sign it.
 Or, if you like, you can ^{write} the mat-
 ter over 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 hand-shake 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 Bute's concluding to go to law. And it is not well to put off our preparations to the last moment. Of course, here should take a prominent part for our cause in laying the thing before Bethune. Must 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 ^{his} 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 Bute, if so, how. But do not think I am wanting more than just a line.

I shatter, (but with my wife's as well as my own best love & all your hands)

Yours most truly
A. H.

Dunham
May 1880

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Knowlton, May
8th.

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 at the withdrawal of the subscription. Mr. Butler's intimation that he does not understand, shames me as unworthily thin. I certainly would rather have it as it comes than as other criticisms might have come founded on the withdrawal in revolution & peculiar tenets. Wages's answer is quite right & has got to be adhered to. Anything Mr. Butler will address to the Corporation will be duly laid before it & answered thereafter as it shall order. But no one wishing for it can

safely anticipate if and when
the more out-
ragedly the powers of the Faculty
are argumentatively pressed
against us, - perhaps, the
better.

For the moment, I have 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
J. S.

J. S. - I think you may
make your mind easy as to Pub-
ler'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
F. or some one might have destroyed.
Archibald told me not long since of
his coming to him to see it by the way.
And I understand him I have seen
the others too. In my own mind I do
not doubt his having copies of them
all. - I return the enclosed, ^{keep} ⁱⁿ ^{copies.}

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find here a letter from Ramsay
(somehow dated the 12th) telling
me he is to leave Quebec
the 18th for Europe! It is most
deplorable that I have not seen
him, I had not ^{written} now cannot
write) to him. I am not at all
sure but that the Fellow's Talk
would be held over to advantage.
Well, you may rely on my work-
ing for it & other College mat-
ters very instant that I can
avoid need for such delay.
Had he cancelled or seen it
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 am
you I am most anxious ^{not} to be
a slipping man again. Had I
gone in on the 12th, I should
surely (though) have broken
down utterly before now.
The Quebec run was what
I ought not to have risked.
But I must not now be
writing what need not be writ-
ten, hoping as I do, so soon to see
you.
Yours most truly
Dunbar

P.S. It is probable I shall have to come in by train the day after tomorrow. I am sure you know in all ways I would not wonder if my secretary is dilatory.

19 June '80.

My dear Principal,

Your two letters of the 14th, with their enclosures, reached me duly, sent on to Sweetbuck; whence we are just returned. I could not properly write you so much as a line whilst 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 heap 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 23rd, & stay over the meeting of the 26th. Understanding Mr Dawson to have by now left for the sea side, we propose quartering ourselves this time on the Lutherises.

With my great annoyance,

Luce 23rd June 1880

My dear Dr Jameson

In Reply to yours of the 28th

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
agree 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 meet
then he will be told that the work
could not be reduced, and secure
efficiency in Annual School work—

Yours truly

Principal Jameson

J. Herriem

[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

*Dear
John
[Signature]*

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June 25/80

My dear St. Church,

By request of
St. Mary's Society I write to
you to ask your kind
interest in some am-
endments to the Act of
Incorporation of the
Presbyterian College
of Montreal. The Assembly
has directed the theo-
logical 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 frees us from the
request proposed as was
some time ago by
this application. These
logical college to

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Chas D
Wentle



June 29/80

My dear Mr Wentle,
It was with
pleasure that I received
from you respecting the
amendment to the Act
of incorporation of the
Boston College, that the
College has applied for
the full measure of ^{such} our
Dumy degrees ~~and~~
university, which has
thought it best for
the present ~~not to~~
but this was declined
~~inter into~~ the field
of usefulness; and as
there is no other Uni-
versity in this province



Subject appreciation could
be made by a Presbyterian
institution, and the
authorities of the college
do not wish to apply to
certain universities, they
have asked and ob-
tained 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 un-
profitable question.

Truly yours

W. Dawson

Hutchison & Steele
Architects.

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

Montreal, June 30th 1856

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.

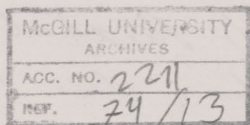
If we can possibly get the terms we will prepare a perspective drawing that will give a better idea of the building and which we would be willing to exhibit.

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

slabs on the front of our
public building is rather
overdone in Montreal and
too common. I would
suggest that a bust of the
Queen 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. Macdougall, but if you think
well of it and should propose
it to him he may consent

Yours truly
A. B. Hutchinson



My dear Sir,

Cy J. Stephen
June 20

I have several times
reported to you the progress of
the work of the people; and the
matter was by Lady Moulton
in course with a number of
Mr. Wier and a committee
my wish to divide in charge
them and lay her hands
to strengthen a staff, and
estimated of \$30,000 for
the of full estate will
effect the end and
carry into the name
of the same to be
remains attached to the
same. May I ask for
the benefit of the. The
already of the for whether
or pay a number of our
\$80,000 should be a

numbers to other friends
also I shall be glad
to take advantage of this
to build up the reputation
of our Union. Please

McGILL NORMAL SCHOOL.
The Annual Meeting of the
Union will be held at the

Math. Union will be
for judgment.

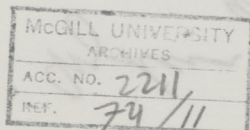
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The Annual Public Meeting for the
Presentation of Diplomas to Teachers-in-
Training in the **McGill Normal School**,
will be held in the Hall of the School, on
Tuesday, June 29th, at 3 P.M.

Your attendance is respectfully invited.

W. H. HICKS,

Principal.



Dear Sir

I have thought much
of you together of Chittles
as a generous and have
wished that he could be
induced to take such an
interest in the College as
would make his name
acceptable to the Board when
a new apt is to be made.
Do you think he could be
induced to do anything with
a view of endowment, the truly
valued at this moment
an endowment of \$2000 or
\$500 for a chair of natural
history and if any
part of the money could be
found to give it I am sure
the fact would commend
them to the gratitude of the
King as well as perpetuate
his name in connection
with the Chair. I do not

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*Copy to
Hickson
Jun 30*

MCGILL NORMAL SCHOOL.

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W. H. HICKS,
Principal.

*Yours are in a short
to my friend and a
Mr. D. but I think he
stand up will thank you*

Day July 180

Tell me Richardson
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My Dear Dr Dawson

I perfectly concur
with you about the
selection of the 4th New
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
misgivings that we are
sacrificing substantial
benefits ~~to~~ a shadow —

The only name which I
can suggest is Mr Workman.
Perhaps in your circle of
acquaintances which is very
much larger than mine —
you may find others more
to be relied upon — Mr To'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 ^{of an appointment} ~~next~~
Sept if possible -

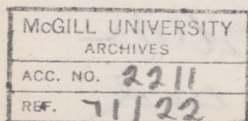
I congratulate you on the
conclusion of your college
and

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

Yours sincerely

Old S. Day

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



Hutchison & Steele
Architects.-

181, Citizens Insurance Buildings,
St. James Street.

Montreal, July 9th 1850

Dear Sir

Respecting the setting
of the corner stone of the
Museum building I find
that about the latter part
of the month of September
will answer very well. I
understand His Excellency
the Governor General and
the Premier Louis will be
in the City on the 21st or 22nd
of September to open the
Industrial Exhibition.

The soon you could com-
-municate with Major De-
-Menton on the subject the
better

Yours truly
A. C. Hutchison

Hutchinson
July 1880

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I have sent a letter
to Mr. Dawson, saying that
the letter is referred
to the Vice-Chancellor & that



he will hear

again 15. July 80

I enclose Mr. Howton'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 Corpora-
tion before we begin to issue
such credentials under the
University seal which I have
no right on my individual
judgment to apply to documents



even of no greater weight
than the one now requested.

Mos pro lege with me.

-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 standing-house
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

Baynes
July 25

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
& not specified.

With our kind regards
Ever yours very truly
W. Baynes

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Village Recheleu
15th July 1880

My dear Dr Dawson

I was in town a
day or two since and
had a talk with Mr
Reespath 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 Prince
to be present, is he to
lay the corner stone - or
Mr Redpath - I suppose
there are to be some addresses
a procession &c - 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 - New Day joins
me in kindest regard and
Remains

Yours sincerely
W. D. Day

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Bryner
July 180

My dear Dr Dawson,

I received Mr. Wm. Cherry's application enclosed in your note & forwarded him the certificate direct as he is not living at Hamilton as Dr. Stewart says, whose I forwarded as you wished to Miss "Dickson". I send the certificate as applied for and required by the Association. Our weather has for the last week been cold & very pleasant. I expect Mr. Drake will be back on the 28th & shall then get a holiday myself. There is nothing special. I have received the Gov^l Grant of \$500. for the Observatory and a request from the Ass^{ns} for July

to apply to the some 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 applica-
tion for the Aps for the last session
previous to this - I do not see

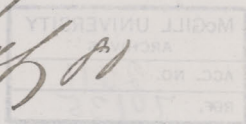
any notice of the breaking up
of the Prov. Pall. though I hear
it will be next week; I hope

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 mountaineers themselves
gone for the largest part.

Even James Duff

W. R. Baynes

Ms. A. 1. 1. 24
24 Jan 01



No answer absolutely as
to the laying the Corner Stone
The Builder explained to
me that this is the proper
name not Foundation Stone

It was as well that we asked
the Governor or 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 -

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Dear Sir - I will
send you another
line before
I leave
Dawson.



Wm James Baynes
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Wm James Baynes

Colonel De Winton
has written to say that the
Gov^{rs} Genl. will lay the money
down on Tuesday the 21st
Sept^r at 11.30 A.M. His
Ex^{cy} congratulates the Governors
on the magnificent donation
of Mr. Peter Redpath -
I am patiently waiting to
hear from the Green bank
about the money for the

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Normal School, & shall
I have this on Monday
the 2^d. for Capal Aigte whether
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 Calend^{er}

as appears by the General certificate
over the same the money granted
to him
in May 1880

I hereby certify that _____
named in the examination instituted for the
Certificate of apocrite in arts by this Uni-
versity ~~for the~~ - and that the said Uni-
~~versity~~ ^{are} ~~is~~ accepted by this Council as the
exam for full year matriculation in the
Faculty of Arts

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copies of the Journal
and the series of the Journal
of the
in May 1880

Carl Peat
Wm. Peat
J. Peat

I hereby certify that
the above mentioned
copies of the Journal
are the property of the
University of Toronto
and that the same
were deposited in the
University Library
in the year 1880

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Bugues

2 August



My dear Dr Pearson,

I write one line
before leaving today that your
cheque is deposited, also that
Mr. Redpath has seen the Gen-
eral's reply & your letter
to me as he might wish to
make the occasion, one, in which
he would present something
to the Marquis himself.
I replied to Colonel de Weston
that at an early date I
should present his letter to them

Exemors & presents their
Thanks - The Government
have not sent the Annual
School money therefore though a
my audit is over, I am unable
to make a return - I am
very sorry to tell you that
Robert has just come to my
office & reported that Mr
Lease Joseph brought up from
the Gas works a quantity
of Gas liquid & composed

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 Blue cut immedi-
ately 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 Berlut who im-
mediately went into Mr
Joseph's garden & saw what

he had done - I have
directed Mr. Fiskebridge
to see Mr. Redpath about
it immediately -

The other particulars of
your note I will attend
to through Mr. Fiskebridge,
my Dear Sir,
W. C. Baynes.

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F. Weir



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 ~~same~~ subject for
which they propose to ^{with lots} enter,
in the third year. This

would exclude you
from exemptions, ^{Besides this} ~~and~~

from the tests it appears

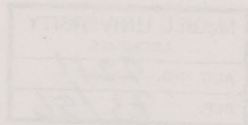
that you did not pass
in Zoology last session,

and this is a subject
essential to the Honours

Course in Zoology as
the knowledge of fossils

depends on it.

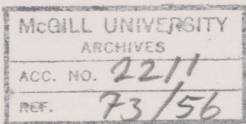
In these circumstances
I need not encourage you
to enter for the Logan medal
even if there should be
no other candidate. There
may however be something
in your case which is not
before me. If you attended
Stamington's human lecture
last Sept and if you
attended the lectures
in July even without
papers the examination



There might be some
chance of taking views
of either or both after
conditions settle into
some plan upon me
and I shall consider
the matter further.

Truly yours

W. D. C. M.



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 Intermediates 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
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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

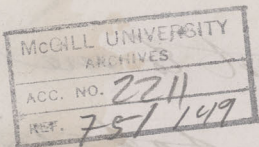
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Montreal, Aug 20 1880

Beaumont
Chas. H. M.

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
whatsoever to anticipate any
permanent injury.

Butterson (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 hotel and panel.

We are pleased to learn of the birth of
another granddaughter to you & Mr Danson
accept our congratulations.
Yours very truly
Peter Redpath

P Danson - Metic



McGill College

16th August 1880

D. Dawson

Dear Sir

Your letter addressed
to W. Baynes or myself came
to hand this morning.

I have sent the advertisement
to the printers. I will
put it in the other papers when
I get an answer to a telegram
I sent W Baynes today asking
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's former says that
he is leaving a good space for
Records &c. He says that there
is plenty of time & that he
will see you on 24th when
you come to town

I wrote to Mr Baynes after
making enquiries about Howell
telling him that it can be either
Selwin or only. Plated

Selwin Costing from \$20 upward

Plated " " \$10 " "

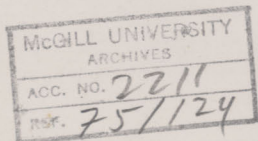
I don't know whether he has
written you about this or not.

The Resolution you ask for
I will enclose a copy of
with kind regards

Yours very truly

J. D. Patterson

Brookings
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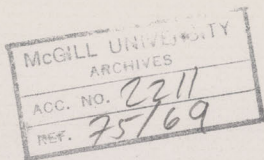


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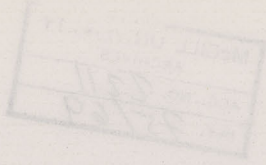
Sept 22, 1880

My dear Col. De Winter,

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

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Spelling Book
Lancaster



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

on departure, but this
also failed. I trust
these little misprints
will be excused, as
we college people are
not very familiar with
book exercises as those
of primary school. I
can assure you that
we all feel extremely
grateful to this Society

DeWitt
Sept 1860

for the ^{key} Road as well
as places ~~where~~
in which he spoke
and acted on the
occasion.

I had also in-
tended to have the
tunes we learned
before returned to
the Brethren and
shall be glad to have
this done if you think
it desirable.

Yours
W.D.

Knicker Hotel.

22nd Sept: 1880

Dear Mr. Dawson.

It is to be hoped 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 yrs.

J. W. Winton

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Orléans, Richelieu
14th Oct: 1880

My dear Dr Denison

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 Governor's meeting on the 23^d but I don't believe I can induce Mrs Day to go with ~~me~~ ^{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

Very truly yours and
kind regards and I
remain as ever

Yours sincerely

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Day Oct/80

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Markgraf

M.^r St. Hilaire, Que:

Nov^r 17th, 1880.

Principal Dawson, L.L.D.

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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
time

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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 espe-
cially this Session has already been large-
ly 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 sufficient-
ly that a man is happiest where at
his post - - I shall write as soon as
I feel well enough to leave for town.

I remain

My dear Sir

Yours

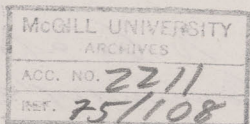
very truly
O. A. Markgraf

(Turnover)

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 W^o Martin on Saturdays and placed on the shelves —

B. A. M.



Dunbar

Kingston, 19 Nov.
80.

My dear Principal,

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

I do not gather from you if whether your idea is to have Day & myself write to Bethune at once. My inference rather is that here of 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.

I am only mending slowly; too

slowly to dare to hope to be at the
Founders' Festival, or Governors' meet-
ing, or gathering of the C. P. V. at Que-
bec. 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-
and 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.

Mr D. is writing your good
lady. Pray take her love & supple-
menting this of mine.

Yours most truly
Wm. L. McKim.

Montréal Nov. 23.
No. 180

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
clause ² or ³ 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

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should be encouraged in
the case of youths, and
that a certificate of this
kind should be considered as tantamount
to matriculation,
and as the basis re-
quired 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
savings of the main fea-
tures of the letter,
it will be a great gain
to the cause of real edu-
cation. The Central
Board I fear is too much
yet to hope for.

I am yrs 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 so far as I can, I yet will write you by to-morrow's mail. I hope you will get what I 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 here for anything from me. Bayard has sent me a very silly note from W. S. 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 it, either to reward it with silence ("not answering") or at least to be made like unto him") or at any rate postponing answer till we see whether or not any one else

follows suit. The Board if inclined
to his last course, might perhaps re-
fer it to the Com^{rs} charged with the
making of these voting paper regula-
tions, for report. I would like to draft
an answer to serve for all like cases
of protest. I really am not able
to do this at the moment; hurried
poorly as I am. I shall keep a
copy of the wise man's bill production.
I rather fear I may have to
lay my brother forewarn with the
holding of a special meeting of form
in reference to the voting paper bill.
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
A. A.

Dear Mrs
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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 Commission and the Teachers' Exam together.
2. Dictation shows a slight regression, not due, I think, to any increased difficulty in the exam.
3. Returns for reading and writing prove that teachers are better pleased with the work of '80.
4. There is decided progress in Arithmetic 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 Commission wisely changed the text-books in the Intermediate grade, and should perhaps proceed to a change in the 2nd Prim^l.
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 Intermediate ~~this~~ 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
S. P. Robbins.

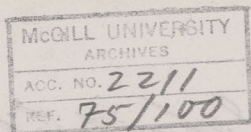
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Comparison of Average Results of April Exam 1879 & 1880 Protestant Common Schools, Montreal.

	Second Primary			First Intermed.			Second Intermed.			Senior		
	'79	'80	Diff	'79	'80	Diff	'79	'80	Diff	'79	'80	Diff
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. Rules				50	67	17	58	64	6	72	80	8
Tracing							43	55	12	58	63	5
Interest & Prof.										51	34	-17
Total Written	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	35	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										59	70	11
Latin										62	62	—
Total	69	75	6	68	73	5	71	77	6	79	78	-1

(Note. Except ages all these figures represent percentages of answers to questions furnished by the Prot. Board of School Commissioners.)

Arthur
C. [unclear]



Montreal, 26 Nov-
80.

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 busi-
ness 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 Refere-
nces, must stand over. Even yesterday
I had a faint idea of getting up some-
thing for an adjourned meeting. But
I see now 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 to-morrow, & some day work a
gain.

As yet I have not been able to
write to Bethune. Let me know how
far matters are gone; that I may do
to the better. The more 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 Correspondence with bump
kin individuals.

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

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

In haste,

Yours most faithfully
J. B.



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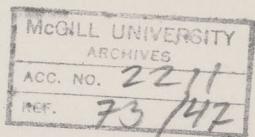
My dear Judge Dunkin,

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



reported, and the Lord's op-
pinion passed as Professor's.
This was the principal
business. The Law Faculty
have again made arrange-
ments with Wustle, 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 Lang 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 examinations
papers on Thursday & Friday.

Next week there is a meeting
of the Kopalgar Institute, ^{on Wednesday,} about
the Scott bequest, which I must
attend in the interest of
both that Institution & the
College. On Thursday comes
a meeting of Port. Curves, in re
new school chat, which I have
promised to attend. So my
Jumble visit is limited to the
early days of the week. I
could come out Monday &
return Wednesday morning.

Please inform me if you
woud like this, and I shall
come with much pleasure, bringing
you will put into my hands all
the college papers & 'manuscripts' & do
the best with ^{them} I can till you can
attend to them. With all good wishes
& kind regards,
Yours sincerely
J. D. Cooper

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Capt. Dunkin

McGill College,
Montreal.

Nov 29/80

My dear Judge Dunkin,

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 Waitale's resign-
ation hangs fire. It
perhaps it may be as well
not to write until further
notice. The Governors have

P.S. Mr Holmes is dead, which will cause Judge Day
to remain in town for some days.

never voted to make
Hess 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. James
he is a good enough fellow
but somewhat hasty and
brumptious.

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routine matters, the state
of the law respecting professional
entrance exams, which Lynch
is to attend to; that of
Meles's retirement and the
necessity of a good man
or not a mere clerk in
his place. This also is
in Lynch's hands; the
affairs of marriage licenses
and one claims to share
of the fund for inspection,
which are to be prepared
upon Robertson, as well
as the grants to the Normal
school; The New School

both law, and the proposed
education bill, which com-
mittees 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 edu-
cational Journal. These
were I think the principal
matters, and I think some
progress was made in all.
Sincerely wishing you the
best health & all happiness,
I remain yours truly
J. Dawson

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to remain in town for some days.