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Royal Hotel - Sawbush
4th Jan'y 1883

Dear Dr Dawson

Your card which
which I received last evening
has put us all into good
spirits - by all I mean
besides my wife and myself
and Mrs
Mr Redpath and her sister
The bequest which Mr
Greenshield has made to the
College enables us to do what
we have so much desired
that is to establish a fixed
salary for the office of Principal
Mr Redpath and I are of
opinion

opinion that the sum must
be the destination of the
\$40,000 - He has written
to day to Mr Ramsay and
I am going to write to
Mr J. K. R. Wilson about
it.

How full of a benevolent
spirit Mr Greensted's will
is - It shows in its thoughtfulness
and remembrance of the
smaller things like the Curling
Club in which he took an
interest the genial and
sympathetic character of
the man - what a contrast even
his will presents to those of
some of our rich men
who

who have recently
gone before him -

We are pleasantly settled
at this place (Dewlish) most
likely for the winter - the
situation is very pleasant
and the lowest tempera-
-ture we have had as yet

is 48 - usually the thermometer
has ranged from 55 to 60 -

a good deal of cloudy weather
& rain but the air always

soft and balmy - no difficulty
in getting out of door exercise

most every day - I am decidedly
better than I was before I left

Canada.

My wife joins me in

affectionate regards and
all the kind wishes of
the season to you all -
and I remain as ever

Yours sincerely

C. D. Day

P. S. Has any progress been
made in Gen. Friend Baynes'
application for a retirement
when you write please let
me know how it stands
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84 St Famille St

6 January 1883

Dear Dr Dawson,

I thank you for your very kind note received yesterday A. M. - It has placed me in an anxious strait for while I am desirous of pleasing you, I feel that by unreservedly assenting I would be untrue to myself. To agree to the measures in the resolutions of the Faculty would be to condemn myself & to justify the Students.

Permit me to suggest the following compromise by which the Faculty will still have their claims of another Examiner, a Committee of inquiry, & the right to determine matters of appeal.

1. To appoint for this Session a Joint Examiner. The written Examinations to be conducted by me & refer
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of cases coming below the standard marks to be made to him. The oral examinations to be conducted by him in part or chiefly.

2. The present Committee to be cancelled & another named subject to my approval. Their work to be limited to trying the charges in the petition that the lectures are diffuse & unpractical. Future modifications in course to be suggested by myself.

3. Should petitions hereafter be sent for redress from difficulties in Materia Medica, let them be first sent to me to decide upon. Should the result be unsatisfactory then let an appeal be made to the Faculty. About 18 months ago a petition was sent to the Faculty complaining of my course; - they declined to enter it on the minutes & referred it to me. I afterwards made changes in lectures consistent with their purport.

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I should be sorry not to
relieve the Faculty of its present
difficulty: & I believe the above
compromise will do so. Should they
not be concurred in I have no
alternative left than the one with
which my letter to the Deans
concluded. Indeed I had made up
my mind this would have been
the solution of the difficulty, &
had it not been for your very
friendly note & the desire to adopt
your proposal, I should not have
severed from that decision

With much Esteem

I remain

Dear Dr Dawson

Very sincerely Yours

J. Wright

J. W. Dawson D.D.
Principal McGill Univ

Dr Wright
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DAVID R. McCORD, M.A., B.C.L.
ADVOCATE.
COMMISSIONER FOR MANITOBA.

131 ST. JAMES STREET,

Montreal, 29/2/1885

My dear Sir.

Could anything be done to connect the
College with the Park - by way of Botanic
Garden - ~~the~~. It is again suggested to
my mind by the return of Mr Pitt
Jun. Russia. He says there are many
ornamental trees that could be introduced
here - Could the College purchase
with a Botanist - if the Park Commission
could be induced to take up
the matter. I would like the College
to be kept with the matter. Park was
this way. A letter to the Park Com^{tee}
now like the colonists are prepared
should bring up the question.

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Principal Dawson.
F.R.S. Chief.

Yours truly
David McCord

Day old B
Royal Hotel - Danville
5th March 1853

Dear Dr Dawson -

I am ashamed to look
at the date of your letter
of the 25th January, but
my friends will I hope
learn to bear with my
infirmities and not measure
their estimate ^{of} my affection
for them by the frequency
or the length or quality of
my letters - I rejoice to learn
from your letter and one
from Mr Ramsay to Mr
Redpatte

Redpath - that you have
fixed the time for your
long contemplated holiday
and ^{are} making the necessary
arrangements. If ever
a man earned a season
of relaxation and repose
from arduous and
responsible work surely
you have, and my wishes
are very earnest that you
may be abundantly blessed
in the enjoyment and
benefit of it.

My health is pretty good
and this is a pleasant
winter

winter residence - no frost -
and for the last fortnight
bright sunny days - and
the hedges covered with
wild flowers - but I have
upon me the disease of extreme
old age ^{to} which the great
Physician alone ~~can~~ can
bring an effectual and happy
cure -

I am sorry you do not
take the same view that
Mr Reedpath and I do res-
-pecting the disposition of
Mr Greenshield's bequest
We think the endowment of
the Principalship is due to
you

you personally - and, as you
cannot remain always, -
that it is of paramount
importance to the University
that it should ^{have} the means
of offering a fixed and assured
income sufficient to secure
the services of a man, not
to replace you for that
will be very difficult, but
to succeed you - I hope
these considerations will be
remembered before a final
decision is had upon the
subject.

I intend so soon as I can
muster courage (probably ^{erose}
well)

to send in my resignation
 to be used by the Governor
 when they deem it expedient
 The letter was written more
 than a year ago and ~~withheld~~
 withheld until I could
 see the completion of the
 P. R. Museum - and the
 arrangements secured for
 your absence, and for ~~releasing~~
 you on your return from
 a portion of your too heavy
 work. I wished much
 also and wish that Mr
 Baynes might be provided
 with ^{an} allowance which
 would ^{enable} him to return - There
 is

There is now an opportunity
of doing so with advantage
to the University, for his work
should be in the hands of a
younger man - He may
break down at any time
when there may be no means
for giving him a retiring
allowance - If you feel
that his ^{services} presence would be
useful during your absence
an arrangement might
be made to take effect only
on your return, if he is able
to go on so long -

I have said above that I
would send in my resignation
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It may be desirable, I think
it is, that my successor should
be appointed before you leave,
one who will discharge the
duties of the office more efficiently
than I have done for some
years past, and ^{who} may if required
help or lead by his active
and personal attention to the
business of the University —
It costs me a pang to separate
myself from an Institution
in which I have been so much
and so long interested, and from
the men with whom I have
worked pleasantly for many
years — but I am convinced that
it is due both to the University
and myself to do so —

Mrs Day writes with me
in affectionate regard to
yourself and Mrs Osborn
and your young people
We had the pleasure of
meeting Dr George at Mr
Redpath's -

The only drawback we
feel to our pleasant sojourn
here is a want of the friends
we love and have left so
far away - Believe me

Yours sincerely

Th. S. Day

R. A. Ramsay,
Advocate, Solicitor, &c.,
No. 3 Merchants' Exchange Buildings.

(Montreal, 19 March 1883)

Dear N. Dawson,

Do you not think that it may
be well to sound Moynse as to the
Leahy matter before Saturday
I think we may conclude the
thing? - At same time I would
like to know that it can be done
in this way without hurting
D. Murray. I would not care
for a divided responsibility. &
if it is not agreeable to D. M.,
I would rather arrange other-
wise.

It might be difficult to discuss
this in Library Committee, & be-
sides the Board of Governors
should keep appointments
in its own hands, - & not delegate
to Committees or Faculties.

I have heard that there is
some question about D. Leahy

and his performance of the
principalship. - I trust that
this is incorrect. -

If there is anything ^{in which}
I can assist on these matters
please mention day & hour
(late in pm.) when I may
call on you.

Yours faithfully
W. H. Murray

Ramsey
Nov 1883

Quebec 26th March 1883

My dear Dr Dawson,

your notes
of the 23^d addressed to Alexander St
did not come to hand until yesterday
Sunday afternoon, I cannot be with
you at the University Lecture on Tuesday
next, but hope to be present with you
on the 31st & 2^d April, but if you have
made other arrangements on Saturday
last at governors meeting, all right.

I advise you to see Mr Hickson
or write him a private letter specially
to assist the college in this particular
regarding students. I think he will
do it, ~~as he~~. yours truly
J. Ferrier

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Montreal
21 June 1883

My dear Dr Dawson

Thanks for yours of
yesterday. By all means
have the resolution postponed
The truth is that there has
been some mistake on the
part of our friend Mr Baynes.
He wrote me for it in order
"to complete his minutes."
I sent it with the remark
that my understanding was

that some kindly and
appreciative notice was to
be taken of your contemplated
absence on a future occasion.
Dr Cornish happened to say
as we were rising to leave
the meeting of Corporation -
"You had better draw up a
resolution" to which I replied
"Very well". I think Mr Baynes
understood this as the referring
of a resolution to be drawn
up. I cannot agree with

you, however, that no such
notice should be taken of your
holiday or of yourself in
connection with it; but we
can attend to it after you
have gone. I say "we,"
but I intend to propose that
D Stevenson shall supersede
me as our representation
in the Corporation; such a
change is only fitting

Believe me

Yours very truly
Henry Pitkin

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McGill College

10. July 1883

Mr Dawson, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S., C.M.G.

Logan Professor of Geology and Professor
of Natural History.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to enclose you a
Copy of the Resolutions, passed at a Meeting
of the Royal Institution for advancement of
Learning, Governors of McGill University
held on the 23^d June 1883, and to inform
you that your salary as Professor of
Geology and Natural History is raised
to \$2800. and that the same commences
from the 1st August 1883.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your Obed^t Serv^t

W. C. Baynes.

Secretary.



It was Resolved

I. — That it is expedient to discontinue the payments of Examination fees to instructing Officers of the University, and that hereafter it shall be the duty of every Professor or Lecturer to conduct in such manner, as may be fixed from time to time by regulation of the Corporation and Faculties the examinations of the Classes instructed by him without any remuneration other than his regular salary.

II. — That partly in lieu of the fees hitherto paid in the Faculties of Arts and Applied Science and partly with the view of establishing a permanent maximum salary for the more important Chairs and ^{on} other general grounds, the salaries in these Faculties, set forth in the Schedule attached, be adopted until further action of the Board.

III. — That the continuance of this scale shall depend on the revenue derived by the University from recent bequests and subscriptions or other sources which may be available, and in the case of the Faculty of Applied Science, more particularly in the realization of the amounts of the Barbara Scott endowment and account of reserved therefrom.

McGill College
 September 1883
 Scholarship & Exhibition Examinations

Scholarships (Tenable for two years)

Third Year

Mathematical Scholarship. — *Lockhead, W.^m
Classical & Modern Lang. # — #Stewart, W. G.
Natural Science - " - " - *Margrave, J. L.

Exhibitions (Tenable for one year)

Second Year

*Patterson (W^m) — Huntingdon Academy, Q.
 *MacDougall (John) — Huntingdon Academy, Q.
 *Ritchie P. B. — High School, Montreal.
 †Topp, Francis — McGill Normal School

First Year

(e) *Johnson, Alexander R. — High School, Montreal
 (e) *Brown, Sam^l R. — Huntingdon Academy, Q.
 (e) *Johnston, Robt — Kincardine High School, Ont.
 (e) *Murray, Alfred — Private Tutor
 S Colby, C. W. — Stanstead Wesleyan Coll. Q.
 P Hill, Rowland — High School, Montreal


* Annual Value of Scholarship or Exhibⁿ, \$125; founder, W. G. Macdonald Esq
 # " " " \$120; donor, Capt Alexander Esq
 † " " " \$125; donor, George Hague Esq
 S " " " \$100; founder, Mr James Redfern
 P " " " \$100; founder, Messrs H. Smith

(e) Those marked thus are entitled to the Gov. General's Exemption
 Sept 25 1883

A Johnson
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be pleased to know that all at
College is going on successfully
both within and without, and
first as to that without - I got
a tender from John to repair the
Band stand & paint it with 2 coats
for \$45, and most admirably he
has done it, removing all the old
paling & putting a substantial
3x4 brace all round thus each of
the six sections are like this 
and all the knees plated with iron
straps, the roof repaired in that it
is better by far than when first made.
Then I have put a board fence on
Mr. Drummonds lot and a very
substantial one - We have now
to arrange for a light-iron barbed
fence wire between the Presbyterian

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College and our selves for at present
no thorough fare is more frequented
than the road from St James Street
out to our grounds by the Museum
I am going to see. Fr Mac Vicar
about it. & I think you said that
a wire fence might look neater
than any thing else. but you will
say what you think we should do.
Our road is nearly macadamised
through out by taking stone from
the Wesleyan yard and I was glad
of the opportunity for the purchase
of road metal is very expensive.
I have reduced the rise of the hill
from the second camp post very
considerably and indeed before
the fall is closed I expect to have
completed the whole road $\frac{2}{3}$?
being at present finished - in

and I have put a good coat of
plaster over your cellar to keep the
cold from the floor of Dr. Huntington's
Room; and it will be comparatively
warm to what it was last year. All
the class rooms are decent, and the
gas-lamp in the Faculty Room looks
very nice. I have got to finish the corner
of the centre porch and I think this
completes all. It is a little early to
give the full results of returns of
students but I send you the returns
of Scholarships & Admissions you
will see that Dr. Johnson & You came
out first & Dr. Murray & You took
a good place also, each are former
General Scholars for the 1st year, which
speaks well for their training whether
at school or private tuition. -
The Entered Students of the 1st year

30 Undergraduates & a partial - there are
123 in the Classes - In Applied Science
1st year 15. 2nd year 20. 3rd year 12. 4th year 13 -
total 60. Their fees will be very little short of
\$3000. The Affiliated Colleges are sending
up, the Diocesan 13 - The Wesleyan 13 -
The Presbyterian as yet 13 - Correspondence
not returned. Professor Penhallow's Law
Medical 53. and a large class of Ladies.
he seems very happy in his work and
is liked as a Lecturer. Some well
up to his work. The Journal Journal has
notified us that he will receive our ad-
dress after the Civic Address at 4th Mon
the 15th at the Windsor and you notices
and the paper of Journal Invitation to all
Members of Convocation & will send you a
paper of the address & reply. The address is very
beautifully got-up and will be signed &
read by Mr. Ferrier as Senior Journal.
Dr. Leach still keeps up and comes up
to College for a while. Dr. Johnson is
unproductive & inefficient & everything

seems working in order - Since I
enclosed all the green to your fence
I have been thinking it would be well
to put a wicket at the head of the little
hill going into your garden for the in-
closure makes a sort of a trap & some
go down not aware that they cannot
get through, a small gate would
obviate this & look nice also - I wish
we could get another lamp on the
corner of our terrace, in a dark night
that tree is very dangerous; it stands
so exactly in the middle of the road,
a lamp just where the tree stands
would light the yard, the road & up
to Dr Harringtons. I should ask
for it, but the work done inside
& out mounts up a heavy bill and
I think we must try & get it in
time of the Association - There will
be very little more wanted beyond
brushing up the grounds & getting

nic flower beds. The inaugural ^{at 18}
address of the Medical Session with
an evening conversation was held
in the Museum. Dr. Northcote gave
the address. I dare say the paper was
sent to you. We have had a very mild
autumn not too hot but very agreeable
and I am thankful that I have felt the
good effects by comparative freedom
from rheumatism so that I walk better
than I have done for a year. The College
household in its subdivided families
are all well, pursuing the even tenor
of their ways. I shall not forget to
let you know how matters that in-
terest you here go on; for I am well
aware that absence increases rather
than diminishes your interest in us
all. My Wife & family unite with me
in kind remembrance & regards to
Mrs Dawson Miss Dawson & family.
Believe me ever sincerely yours
Wm. Baynes

^{Farrier}
Montreal Oct 19, 1883

Dear Dr. Dawson

I received first your
card from Remouski —
regarding the address to
Lord Lorne and attended to your
request, an account of which I
send to you in the Gazette of Oct
16th — Then I have to acknowledge
your letter from Southport
which was most gratifying —
The unanimous vote of so large
a meeting of scientific men
whom we hope to see on the 27th
of Aug 784 I have conversed
with the assistant manager
of the G. T. Railway regarding

those members that may desire
to visit Niagara & Chicago before
the meeting and will with pleasure
meet their wishes, in that respect,
We are delighted to hear that you and
Mr Dawson are enjoying the meeting
and the pleasant, English hospitality

Now I have your letter, of the 4th
it was received the same day
that Lord Lorne was in the City,
and after his reply to the address
which I had the pleasure of presenting
to him, he shook hands and expressed
himself in the kindest manner and
asked when I had last heard from
you - I was able to say this morning

I asked if he would wish to read
^{up letters} ~~it~~, he replied I will with pleasure
so I sent it for his perusal -

I hope to attend the Meeting of the Corporation next ~~Friday~~ ^{Wednesday} the 26th when your letter will be read, as also at the meeting of the Governors on Sat: 27th. I quite agree, as to what you suggest about the fence on Sherbrooke St. and I am very glad we did not expend any money on it this year. We will have plenty of time to have the fence & grounds in nice order before August. I am greatly pleased with the details of this letter and will after our meetings next week write to you again. Your personal observations will enable you on your return to deal with that question of Co-education & many other matters of importance. —

A bad cold kept me from attending the last meeting of the Council of Public Instruction —

The last Normal School Meeting
I was absent from home, this
morning I called to see D.^r Robins
he was not there, but I saw
Professor McGregor who expressed
himself as well satisfied with
everything that was going on in
the Normal School in all its
departments

Please let me have in your next
a small sketch of the fence that
you would like for Sherbrooke St
- With kind regards to Mrs Dawson
in which Mrs Lovorne joins
me -
Y^r very truly
J. Ferrier

D^r Dawson L.L.D.

Montreal, Dec. 3, 1883

Dear G^r Dawson

I have to acknowledge
yrs of Oct 20 Nov 1. Nov 14 & 22nd
which last was received today
The contents of all have been
deeply interesting to myself
and the Governors of McGill
who have heard them read
particularly to L. St. Molson
to whom I read them privately
when received.

A slight attack of illness
prevented me attending the
last Board Meeting. I am
glad to say I am now well
and expect to be present at
the next meeting of Governors
which will take place the
coming week.

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The Board of Public

Instruction have adjourned

their meeting from last

month to the 6th of this

I am making my arrange-

ments to be present, but

do not wish to trouble you

with particulars for I want

you to enjoy your trip

and while you are away

not to carry our burdens

My trip to Quebec

will prevent me being

present at the meeting

of the Normal School

on Wednesday. At present

I have good reason to

believe that every thing

is going on prosperously

there as well as at the

College. In particular

of which no doubt Mr
Baynes & others keep you
well posted on.

The Newspapers sent will
have informed you of the
very successful opening
of our Theological College.
Your letter read by Professor
Shaw, on that occasion was
very gratifying to us.

All the speeches were of a
very high order and have
produced greater unity
and a very favourable
impression regarding
higher education to all
those who are called to
Preach the Gospel of
Our Lord & Saviour Jesus
Christ.

I send you the Gazette

of this morning and have
 marked a lecture
 delivered by Mr Hill of
 St Andrews in the David
 Morice Hall, which I am
 sure you will read with
 regret, however we have
 to be thankful to Principal
 Mac Vicar for his prompt
 repudiation of Mr Hills
 sentiments - It is sad to
 think we have such a man
 in St Andrews Church -

He and Bray are
 enemies to the truth and
 there is a general
 lamentation throughout
 the City, that two such
 men should occupy
 pulpits in our midst
 particularly at this time

when we are losing Dean
Baldwin who has been such
a great power for good in
the Church and a promoter
of all our Protestant
Institutions

In case you may not
have noticed the account
of the Breakfast given
to Dean Baldwin I will
enclose it in the paper
I send you. Every one
said it was the most
successful gathering of the
kind that we ever had
in Montreal.

I regret to say our Dr. Potts
has been ill with Malaria
fever for the past fortnight
this fever he contracted
while in Nashville.

with Dr Mac Vicar. (Our
 Sunday School lessons).

Dr Potts is very weak and
 we fear he will have a
 slow recovery.

I would wish in copying
 this letter for Father to
 unite with him in kind
 regards to Mr Dawson &
 yourself - and in wishing
 you a happy winter in
 Egypt's incomparable climate,
 The memory of donkey rides
 and grand temples have been
 to me a life long pleasure.

Believe me

Yrs sincerely
 J. Ferris

M. W. Lorraine

P.S. I expected to have heard of your seeing
the Marquis of Eorn, as I am living in firm
belief, that he will do that act of Justice, you
so fully deserve, before you leave England
again for Canada.

Sincerely Yours
J. Ferrier

Ferris

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I expected to have heard of your being
the Marquis of Ferris, as I am living in firm
belief that he will do that act of justice, you
so fully deserve, before your leave England
again for America.

Sincerely yours
P. Ferris

73 Mansfield St.,

Montreal, Dec 4th 1888.

Dr. J. W. Dawson,
My Dear Sir,

Your kind letter under date of Nov. 16th served as a reminder of a very pleasant duty which I have had in mind for some time. The work thus far has proved very pleasant to me; the students have worked admirably and I think will show at their examinations that they have worked faithfully. The separation of the class was a most desirable thing on many accounts. Together, there would have been too many - go in all; - and then I consider it important to give the course a direction which will more nearly adapt it to the particular needs of the students.

With the medical men, of course I have endeavored to establish the connection with Animal Anatomy &c; and with the Arts men to make the economic and industrial aspects of the various points under consideration, more prominent. The course is altogether too short, however, and should be continued over at least two sessions for the Arts & Science. I have been at work at the collections and have most of them rearranged, with all the care I could. I fear all the speci-

mine are named, all in fact, except the woods from
Brazil, & I hope to identify those before long. We have
received several very interesting additions, and I
also have the promise of three important collections,
representing a large number of varieties of coffee; a
collection of vegetable products illustrating the
crude commercial products from which pharmaceuti-
cal preparations are derived; and the third a col-
lection of typical things from Jamaica.

I have had a double case made for the
herbarium, and already have the arrangement of
the plants well along. This will be completed be-
fore the close of the session, as it is important
to have it in good shape before the meeting
next August.

I do not wish to burden you with business
matters, but it seems desirable that I should
say a word with reference to the prospective ar-
rangements for the Chair of botany. As my present
engagement expires at the end of this session, it is
necessary that I should have some indication
before that time of what will be done so far as a
continuation of my services is concerned. Of course
I cannot afford to be without definite employ-
ment, and unless I can look forward to some
further service here, I must very soon make
preparations for work elsewhere. Nor could I
commence temporary work in the spring in the

expectation that something might develop here
by September. Again, if arrangements should be
completed by reason of which I am here another
winter, it will be necessary for me to secure
a house for that time while there are still de-
sirable ones vacant.

I trust you will not think I am endeavoring
to needlessly force the matter upon your attention,
for I feel from your letter, that that would be
wholly unnecessary, but as it takes some time
for letters to travel across the ocean, I feel that
it is now & safe to call your attention to what
are important considerations for me.

Mrs. Penhallor joins with me in kind
regards to you all, and sincere wishes for
continued and full enjoyment of your vacation.

With sincere respect,
D. P. Penhallor

Letter to
Shakespeare Wood

Dear ~~an~~ Wood July 24/83

With reference
to my conversation on Sat
They & say that I will
very much desire to have
for the Museum ^{me} ~~of~~ ^{at least} a few casts
of inscriptions & monuments for
the Catacombs, say see
lectures for them arranged
of De Rossi in the Vatican
say for strokes VIII & IX. ^{with XIII} ~~and~~
for strokes XIV-XVI. — the
oldest being filled.

I would be prepared
to spend say ~~£10~~ £15
sterling for them; and they
might be packed away

(Ath Dawson)

forwarded to my address
Care of J. Moore & Co. Curator
of the ~~Museum~~ ^{Smithsonian} ~~Washington~~
I must not den to them
the funds; and I feel
certain that if this were
permitted additional apes
might be disposed of to
many museums in the
United States & Canada
if it were known that they
were to be procured.

My address both the
for my 1st & 2nd will be
Phippeards Hotel Care,
After that I shall be obliged
to be returned to London
at end of month when letters
my to address care of the
Canadian Agency Victoria