

C. D. White



Feb 28, /88

Dear Mr White,

One of the  
Students in our graduating  
Class in Applied Science  
received a few days  
ago a letter from the  
Secretary of the Examiners  
for the Dominion Land  
Surveyors stating that  
our degree in Applied  
Science could not be  
received under the  
Act. This is surely  
a mistake, as it has



been received here before  
and is certainly the  
best Engineering Degree  
given in Canada.  
I brought the matter  
under the notice of  
the Governors on Saturday  
and Mr. Fenner was  
reported as Chancellor  
to see you on the  
subject. Our Degree  
of Bachelor of Applied  
Science in the Department

of Surveying" represents a  
far more complete  
course than any  
procureable elsewhere  
in this County, and  
we do not feel  
a degree of "Civil  
Surveying" pure and  
simple because that  
is not a paper  
Academical degree  
and because of

inferior or fraudulent  
institutions give such  
a degree and also  
because every one  
who chooses can  
call himself C. E.

Mr Jenier There  
will be able to see  
you on the subject  
and to ascertain what  
we should do. Many  
of our best students are  
desirous to go West as  
Immigrant Land Surveyors.  
Yours truly  
J. M. Dawson

Ottawa  
25<sup>th</sup> March 1888



Dear Sir William

I had a very pleasant interview with the Governor General to day, he expects to be with us at the Convocation end of April but is not sure about Sir Donald's invitation, Sir George Stephen's invitation was first, but he said it would be all right, and he was glad to have the pleasure to visit the University again and receive an address. I got Mr Curran with me to meet Mr Foster, I could not find Sir Donald and I believe I would have been better if I had gone alone, but he assured <sup>me</sup> that the Petition would have his best attention, and said he was the friend of our Institution

I tried three times to see Mr White to day,  
but hope to find him to morrow--

I hope Mr Murray will give a  
satisfactory reply <sup>and withdraw</sup> "His letter to the Board  
of Governors of McGill College" nothing less  
should be accepted. I hope to write  
again after I see Mr White --

Yours sincerely

J. Ferrier

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Shirburne 20 April 1888.

My dear Sir William.

After you and Judge Chief  
left yesterday matters did not  
go well with us. The great lunch  
or breakfast took place, and  
we all thought that the Professional  
matter was settled and that the  
University degree, extended to Letters  
& Sciences to satisfy Chauveau  
would be adopted.

On resuming Mercier intimated  
that the Obis' cause was not over - and  
at once took the ground, that no  
Government however strong could  
carry such a cause - and that  
when a former Government with a  
Majority of 40 and a whole  
Upper House could not carry it, he  
would not take the responsibility.



I signed the matter as well  
as I could, and referred to the  
points before Confederation &  
Ains, and showed, as I think,  
Conclusively that the Definitive in 1864  
of what was vague in 1866. before  
Confederation gave to Universities the  
privilege, inasmuch as the test of  
the University Education lay in the degree -  
I soon found that the Premier was  
not himself. He mixed up preliminary  
Examinations with the Legal Studies, & spoke  
of his intention to limit the Number to  
four lectures & at least one half the  
present required amount &c &c - but  
~~although~~ I reminded him, that we  
were not then discussing the Education  
in practice. He said he helped  
Lynch last year, would help him again  
this year - but that Lynch as a private  
Member could bring in a Bill, but  
the Government could not - unless they  
were sure of the Majority in the House -



and I was obliged to leave by the  
 night train, and our only course  
 was to leave with Mr Rappin the  
 remainder of our Amendments, which  
 was of comparatively little consequence.  
 We have had our fight, have obtained  
 the Central Board and the Academies  
 and some other matters of importance,  
 but on all the vital questions of  
 rights of Conscience we have been  
 hopelessly beaten, <sup>for which</sup> ~~but~~ we may thank  
 our great legislators at Independence  
 and in the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the Provl  
Parliament for it. Had they stood  
 out as we did the Case might have  
 been different. We are now at  
 their mercy and they know it.  
 We were Courteously met, and  
 the discussions have been temperate  
 and free from animosity. but I  
 feel that our members, men of our  
 own body, members of Council, did not

Fulfil this duty in absolving  
Remembrance in such an occasion  
when such issues were at Stake.

I am afraid you will be  
disappointed, as I am, but I  
have the same satisfaction that  
will attend you, that we were not  
beaten without a struggle, and  
that time may enlarge the minds  
even of our R. C. Hierarchy.  
and of an exclusive system of  
professional jealousy.

Yours very faithfully

Wm. H. Hunt

London

Mr. Walker. April 20. 1888

Dear Mr. Williams

I know you will be very  
sorry to hear that Mr. Macvicar  
abruptly refused to adopt the clause  
regarding the Entrance upon professional  
studies. Dr. Hammett fought long  
and hard - but all we got was -  
he would support Lynch's Bill - but  
he - while admitting the wisdom of  
the clause - would not vote for it -  
many of the Bishops were on our  
side and Dr. Chauveau - I am afraid  
you will be disappointed - and perhaps  
may think we were not firm enough -  
but we were bound a masterpiece turned  
upon any other question - by carrying  
the Central Board of Examinations

for teachers. diplomas - & the  
one for students was agreed upon  
before you left - I thought you  
would be anxious to know.

We left the few remaining clauses  
under review - On the whole we  
did better than I anticipated  
with respect.

Yours faithfully

David Lindsay

Private



April 21<sup>st</sup> 1888.

Dear Mr Lighthall,

The gentlemen you mention are, I have no doubt, very deserving, but it is now too late to move any Honorary degrees for the approaching Convocation, and it had better be deferred till next year. In any case, the moving for such

degrees would come best  
from the representatives  
of the graduates on the  
Corporation, as Parkman's  
degree did some time ago,  
and they should move  
in January, to give time  
for the necessary three  
months' notice and other  
formalities, and should  
be prepared to state fully  
the claims of the gentlemen  
proposed.

Truly yours,  
M. Dawson





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April 21 1888

P.S. If our French text  
book should go into a second  
edition, it should be carefully  
revised, as the style is to my  
the least extremely poor and  
inaccurate. J.M.D.

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Sherbrooke 21 April 1858.

My dear Sir William.

The initials R. W. signify  
Richard William -

I wrote you very hurriedly yesterday  
I think we should continue the  
Professional agitation, and I  
propose to touch upon it when the  
degre is compared.

The line taken by O'Rourke  
and the words of Fettes', and  
the favourable sentiments of  
some of the Bishops and Mr.  
Murphy of Montreal seem to me  
bright indications, with enthusiasm  
which may lead to a result.  
hereafter.

Yours very truly

R. W. Dawsen

Sir William Dawson.

McGill College  
Montreal.

Reverend  
April 1888

Redpath

The Manor House,  
Chislehurst.

April 26, 1888

Dear Sir William,

I solved the  
Barrande question by telling  
Borres that in December 1886 you  
had been offered all of the work  
that was then published for fifty  
pounds and instructing him to procure  
all that is published to the present  
time and prepare it for McGill  
College - I think that he has

(not

not yet found a copy - He will probably work through Dutt who is well up in foreign books. I will let you know when I learn myself what has been done -

You may apply otherwise the money received from the graduating class. I am sure that there are many other books that you want.

I rather think that Barrande should go to the Museum but you may do as you please about that.

The Library must be very crowded now - There is the overflow to count.

I should like to see a separate  
College

College Building for the Women and the  
Professors who wish for coeducation replaced  
by others who will heartily support the  
intention of Sir Donald Smith in his badom-  
ment. I believe that coeducation is  
carried on in one or more universities  
in the States - I do not know with what  
result. But I do not like the idea -  
There may be the same examinations  
and the same examiners -

We had a long spell of cold weather and  
notwithstanding a few pleasant days lately  
it is not warm yet.

The Governor General designate, Lord  
Stanley of Preston is an able man but  
not

not an eloquent speaker. I hope that  
as visitor he will take some interest  
in the University -

My wife is at St Leonard's. I expect  
her back tomorrow evening - She has been  
with Mrs Lielam who is very weak and  
ailing and has suffered a good deal  
of late, though now better than she was  
during the winter.

My love to yourself and Lady Dawson  
and family - I regard you all with  
affectionate interest.

Yours ever faithfully  
Peter Redpath

Sir William Dawson  
Dumfries



May 22/88

Dear Dr Cameron,

Our Medical  
Faculty is as you  
know threatened with  
serious injury by the  
new Medical Act  
prepared by the  
College of Physicians.  
We believe that the  
proposed action is  
not only injurious  
but and contrary





of the guarantees given  
to Protestant education,  
~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> why to injure  
the cause of medical  
education not only  
in Quebec but  
elsewhere in the  
Dominion. The views  
of our Medical Society  
as to this are stated  
in a petition of the  
Medical Society which

I shall enclose herewith  
and what when  
I need is I believe  
I be entrusted to  
our city members  
Mr L. S. Hall for  
presentation in the  
House. I trust you  
will be able to  
thus as in former  
instances to sustain

Cy D  
Cameron

May/88

The cause of Protestant  
education, which never  
was in a more critical  
state than at present  
and which if taken  
down in so far as  
the professors are  
concerned will lose  
very much in the  
departments as well,

With all kind  
regards, I remain

Yours truly

J. M. Dawson

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EARNSCLIFFE,

OTTAWA.

5<sup>th</sup> June 1888.

Dear Sir William,

I have yours of the  
first. I presume that the  
Administration of the new  
Governor General when he  
arrives will follow the  
usual practice and  
assent at once to the  
appointment of two new  
Governors. If there is any  
delay in the matter I shall  
attend to it as you desire.  
Believe

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,  
John Macdonald

Sir William Dawson,

McSill College,

Montreal.

Sir John  
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6<sup>th</sup> July 1888  
Dear Sir William

Your Postal Card &  
letter both received..

I have advertised the  
Calendar in all the Papers as  
last year. - I now enclose a  
copy of advertisement for the  
City papers. Kindly let me  
know how many papers you  
would like me to advertise in,  
How often: -

I have had no written  
applications for Durupuis  
position. A young man called  
on me the other day to enquire  
about it, but I do not think

He would undertake it unless  
he got a certain salary to com-  
:mence with, until he could in-  
feel his way a little. He has I  
been teaching Gymnastics to  
some private families in the  
City. - I will make inquiry  
about the Agency you mention  
in your letter. - Mr. Nelson  
does not return till Monday  
when I will endeavor to see  
him & arrange about this  
& also settle as to when the  
alterations to Fresh Wing can  
be started. -

Mr Lovell sent the Complete



less Calendars. This morning - I  
turn them in packets that  
ould in wrappers are to follow.  
has I send you one by this  
to mail. - I will have them  
the sent out to the Governors.  
main Corporation Professor &  
cution as per List. - also to the  
on different Colleges.  
day With kind regards.

Yours faithfully  
J. D. Drake

Barthelme  
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Broun's Hall

Dover Street London <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~ ~~18~~ ~~48~~  
1848

Dear Mr. Broun

On the 10th of June from New  
York, where about to start by the  
"Atlantic" I telegraphed you an  
acknowledgment of your reference  
of the 10th of that month & in which  
you mentioned that you had asked me  
friends for Philadelphia to see  
me in reference to the vacant  
Chance No. 1000 of the 10th  
Unfortunately I was taken ill

almost immediately after getting to  
London and was unable to give  
any attention to business, but on  
measuring somewhat I went to  
Mr Redpath and had the pleasure  
of making him here. It appears  
to me that as Mr Redpath is the  
senior Governor and in every way  
well fitted to fill the position of  
Chancellor it must naturally &  
properly fall to him and I should certainly  
support his election.

I hope to be able to sail by the  
Ambrose for New York the 1st inst  
and to reach New York about the 3rd  
or 4th. With kind regards  
I remain your  
Obedient servant  
Wm Lloyd Garrison

In D. A. Smith  
July 1888

Miss Bruden  
Candidate  
for Locution

Paris Fort A. S.

July 23. 1888.

Sir Wm. Sanderson

Pres. McGill

Montreal -

Dear Sir -

I desire very much  
to obtain a position  
in a college as a  
teacher of Oratory.

Hoping that you

may require the services  
of such a teacher I have  
pleasure in offering  
mine.

I am greatly interested  
in the work, and be-  
lieve it worthy of  
our best efforts.

I attended the Boston  
School of Oratory in  
Boston, Mass. two  
years, from which  
I graduated last  
May. I think I

Am qualified to teach  
the Selsate System of  
Astute, also Gymnastics  
with the ordinary work  
in Eloquence.

I am twenty-seven  
years of age, and  
have good health.  
Should my applica-  
tion meet with your  
favor, I will be glad  
to forward you re-  
ferences from Prof.  
Brown whose school



I attended, which will  
satisfy you, I think, as  
to my knowledge of  
the principles of Ex-  
pression. And my  
earnest work as a stu-  
dent. I would be glad  
to hear from you at your  
earliest convenience,  
Please state salary.

Yours Respectfully  
Lizzie Hunter -  
Address  
% Chas. C. Graham,  
Parsborough  
Cumberland Co.,  
N. S.

Johnson  
July 1888

Capitol Hill  
P. 2.  
July 30 1888

My dear Sir William

Let me preface a long letter on College matters, by an unconnected inquiry, but for which however, the letter might not have been written. Would you kindly let me know the name of some Canadian ornithologist, if any, to whom application for information could be made by an American visitor here (a medical man) who has got possession of (and has had stuffed) some bird that puzzles him?

I suppose you have seen the Toronto "Week" for July 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. It was only by accident, that I got copies, a visitor here having spoken of them to me, as one interested, and then given them. The tone and spirit of the article are of the worst description, but Mr. Hague has

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made a very effective reply for the  
Governors. It might have been  
even stronger in one place, had he  
known that the figures given in  
the last sentence of the article  
are all wrong. For example  
it is put down as the total  
number of students who "went in"  
for Mathematical Honours in 14  
years (1875-1888) whereas the  
real number was about 100  
(one hundred) - "was the number  
of Gold Medalists." - The Calendar  
just published shows that in the  
last session alone 4 men got  
Mathematical Honours - There  
were actually 7 or 8 men who  
"went in" for them taking the  
full course of Honour Lectures.

Again W. Blaney is made responsible  
alone for "Modern Languages" to the  
omission of Prof Markgraf and Hooper.  
The article is full of mis-statements  
to use the mildest term

The important feature is, that it seems to point to a revival of the struggle over the "co-education" question, saying that the present endowment has "sapped the physical and intellectual capital of the professorial staff", and speaking with anticipatory contempt of the proposed College.

The strong point of the attack, if the question should really be revived, and the weak point of our defence, is here clearly indicated.

Our hope must be that the new endowment may be sufficient to deter assailants.

For this purpose additional tutors, or lecturers alone will not be sufficient. Some fully endowed Professorships will, I am sure, be necessary.

You are aware of my opinion on this point, and also that

4/ The salary of the leading Chairs ought not to be less than that of those in Toronto, or at least, not less than \$3000 a year.

A conversation I had, while out walking with Sir Robert Ball, last autumn, on this matter of salary, may be interesting. To make the full meaning of it clear, I ought to mention that Sir Robert Ball's standing and my own at the time when we were each made Professors, was as nearly as possible the same.

In fact the Dublin University Calendar will show that in the respective years of our degrees our standing in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy was exactly the same. In other subjects it would be a matter of estimation. Afterwards he was both a member of the well-known Fellowship Class in Dublin (of course, not at the same time)

It was he who introduced <sup>(5</sup>  
the general question of salaries.  
I don't remember how I came  
to mention the amount of  
my salary at first appointment,  
but you should have heard  
his ejaculation of astonishment  
even though I did my best  
to explain the misapprehension  
under which I accepted the  
Professorship. He asked  
what the salaries of the  
leading chairs were now—  
I said, by mistake, £600  
sterling (thinking of the  
minimum of which I have  
so often spoken). That  
he said "wasn't so bad"—  
but when I corrected my  
statement (remembering that  
it was \$2800), and said  
"about £570 sterling— he was silent.

6) I regretted very much afterwards that I had forgotten the additions made by the Donaldson endowment; for a knowledge of the salaries paid has a considerable influence with strangers (and justly so) in forming a general estimate of the standing of a University when details are not known, and I wished Sir Robert Ball, who has so great weight in the British Association to have a good opinion of ours.

The point of the conversation is that my opinion derived from other sources, that a man of good standing, cannot be got as Professor, for less than £3000, is confirmed, even that sum might not at all times be sufficient, but it is

Certainly, a minimum. (7)  
If such a salary cannot  
be provided at the very beginning  
by the new endowment, there  
can be no reasonable hope for  
it in the future. In saying  
this I am in fact, expressing  
agreement with a statement  
to the same effect, made  
in the "Week." for the reason  
there given.

The establishment of new  
Professorships, benefitting  
both Colleges in common—  
on the condition that McGill  
College shall not throw open  
its classes to women would  
be a permanently effectual  
check on any movement  
towards mixed classes. Looking  
at the action of the advocates  
for them so far, I see no such  
good safeguard in the future



8/ Against a renewal of the agitation  
as the assurance of an absolute  
and unmistakable loss of  
efficiency in McGill Colley,  
consequent on their introduction.

It will be a great triumph  
for us, if the new endowment,  
should not only not diminish  
but should, as I hope, greatly  
increase our efficiency. We want  
all that we can get in this way,  
seeing how our contemporaries  
are advancing.

Have you seen that in Nova Scotia  
King's Colley, Windsor, is to be united  
to Dalhousie (the resolution for  
union was carried in the last  
synod by a two-thirds vote of  
the clergy and the unanimous  
vote of the laity). Trinity Colley,  
Toronto, has started a movement  
to raise \$120,000 additional—  
Victoria Colley is raising half a  
million to move to Toronto and  
work with University Colley—  
McMaster University with its \$800,000

May also be placed in Toronto,  
I see too that Queen's, not  
Content with the quarters of a  
million it has just raised,  
has set on foot a fresh  
movement for \$50,000 more

The article in the "Week" refers  
to a renewed agitation by the  
Graduates. Since a great deal  
of such agitation in the past has  
been due to an almost unavoidable  
Confusion between College matters  
and University matters (with the  
latter of which only Graduates are  
concerned), the revision of the  
Constitution may prevent a  
great deal of trouble in the  
future.

The insertion in the  
Calendar of an obituary notice  
of Mr Ferri will I think  
give pleasure to many. It  
came in convenient in harmony

with my own thoughts. The history of Universities is often closely connected with the biographies of individual benefactors, and I have often been disappointed at the meagre knowledge to be obtained concerning the latter. The presentation of portraits in oils to Colleges is of course, an attempt to connect the two; but as the portraits are few, and have, as a rule, no associated biographical sketches, ~~worthy~~ worthy of the name, they shed little light on the past. — It seems to me that since the invention of photography all this might be changed. For instance, might not a photograph of Mr Ferris, if nothing better, be obtained, and together with the notice (or the longer one inserted in the newspapers at the time of his death) be placed in a handsomely bound book to be kept in the College Library — Such a book to be called the "Benefactors' Book" with photographs or engravings and notices.

history of past and present benefactors<sup>11</sup>  
would be an exceedingly interesting  
Memorial. Two copies  
might be very well kept, one  
for general use, and one for  
the future. If the College provided  
the book, the families of the  
benefactors might well supply  
the rest. — A similar book  
or album to be called the  
"Graduates Book," might be  
procured to preserve the  
photos which are presented to  
the College yearly by each  
Graduating class.

I see that you manage  
to get time still to write  
books in spite of the women's  
Classes. — I have as yet only  
dipped here and there into  
your last work, but I am  
much interested in what  
I have read.

17 Had almost forgotten to  
mention an instance of the  
effect produced by writing in  
the newspapers concerning the  
lectures to women. Coming down  
in the steamer one of our steward  
had a long talk with me, in  
which he took for granted that  
all the Professors were very weary  
of the double lectures. It took me  
a long time to persuade him  
(if I did persuade him) that  
I was not one of these — that  
I liked the lectures to the  
women (I gave my reasons)  
and that I should be glad  
to continue them (as I  
certainly should).

Mr Johnson joins me  
in sending kindest regards  
to Lady Dawson & yourself

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely

Sir Wm Dawson & Alexander Johnson  
Little Metz

Capà l'Ugla  
p. 2

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1888

My dear L. William

Many thanks for  
the addresses of the ornitho-  
-logists you so kindly  
sent me.

I send herewith a  
second copy of the "Week"  
for July 5<sup>th</sup> which reached  
me since I wrote - sent  
by Dr Cornish.

I didn't get the first  
until about three  
weeks after publication  
when it was probably  
too late to take notice  
of it, even if it had been  
desirable, in the absence  
of positive statistics

These can be got out in the  
College registers in hundreds  
but that the figures given  
in the "Week" are utterly  
wrong is shown by reference  
to the Calendar just published  
alone. My own impression  
however is that the tone  
of the article will  
counterbalance any evil  
that might arise from  
its incorrect statements.  
I wrote to Mr Hayes  
recommending the press  
in the journals.

Believe me

Yours very truly

Alexander J. Hanson

Sir Wm Dawson  
Little More

Ghuron  
July/88

sent





L. Metis, P.2,  
Aug. 10, /88

Dear Sir Donald,

I have received  
your kind letter from London  
of July 31st, and was  
glad to hear of your  
restored health and  
that you have had op-  
portunity to confer with  
Mr P. Redpath on the  
important matter referred  
to in your letter and on  
which I hope the Governors  
will have the benefit of  
your advice. Mr Redpath  
however writes to me  
that in his opinion the



Preceding should just be  
opposed to Mr J. R. Mow  
whose great <sup>desires</sup> interest in the  
movement certainly meets it.

You may have heard  
that an anonymous letter  
embodied in the Special interest  
of Democracy has attacked  
us in the "Lancet" "week"  
in ~~an~~ <sup>an exceedingly</sup> unfair and  
untruthful letter to which  
before I saw it Mr Hayes  
replied in a very able manner  
on behalf of the Government  
My objection is that the  
opponents of the clauses for  
women are now partly affected  
discredited in treatment of their  
own action, and I hope

Neither the Capitation nor  
the Graduate Salary will  
again be updated & there.

There can be no  
doubt however that the  
persistent assertions of our  
friends that we have  
not men enough to do  
the work and that the  
arrangements are temporary  
will be subverted ~~and~~  
to deter students especially  
<sup>from</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>entering</sup> ~~entering~~  
and therefore ~~will~~  
oppose an ~~sump~~ and  
for this reason <sup>alone</sup> it would  
be very desirable that  
the plan for a permanent

College should as soon  
as possible be before the  
public, as a means  
of stopping the culpable  
~~affair~~ ~~misrepresentations~~ ~~and~~ ~~accusations~~ now  
made. If I can aid  
in this in any way please  
Command my services.  
I hope to be in Montreal on  
Sept 1st; but if I can  
be of use earlier <sup>will</sup> ~~can~~ go  
up at any time.

As Lady Stanley  
expressed an interest in the  
matter when in Montreal  
I have had a set of the  
Reports be relating to the  
Ducal deudiment ready  
bound and have presented

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them  
to her, and I think  
when the time comes  
she would probably  
be pleased to accept  
the office of Lady Under-  
pendent for in your deed  
of gift should you think  
well to ask her to  
do so. ~~This would~~  
be

With all kind  
regards and good wishes  
I remain

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Cap à L'Espe  
10 Aug 1888  
Mr William Dawson  
Little water

Dear Mr William

I Enclose you a  
draft of Petition to the  
Governor General Em-  
bodying from the legal  
point of view the objections  
to the Hon Act & Regulations  
As you will see I  
have said nothing on  
the charges made by the  
Hon Act respecting the  
requirements for ad-  
mission to the study of  
the law but as this head  
of complaint does not  
appear to me so clear  
a violation of our rights  
as the one I have dealt  
with I thought it best  
to leave it for further discussion

N.W. Furbush

The draft I Enclose has  
not yet been before our  
Law Faculty but as I go  
up to Newhalem Tuesday  
I hope to bring it before  
them with the other matters  
affecting the Faculty next  
week and will be glad  
to lay before the Faculty  
any suggestions you  
would like to make.  
Of course the Petition  
will be seriously & carefully  
considered by the Governors  
but it will do no harm  
for the Faculty most  
concerned to also thor-  
oughly consider the matter.  
I may say the more  
I think of it, the more  
I am convinced we must  
never submit to the  
Arbitration of the  
Bar. It admits a



Principles that will destroy all  
confidence in the future of the  
University as a Protestant  
Institution. It is intolerable  
that we should be subjected to such  
Recitation & obnoxious ceremonial  
as that & all other Protestant  
& even non Protestant matters.  
And if submitted to the fate of  
the Protestant minority will be  
an annihilation  
with kind regards  
I am very truly

Yours  
Wm. French

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Central Cottage  
Peaks Island  
Portland Maine  
Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 1888

Dear Sir William

Only a line to say that  
I received the enclosed telegram  
from my clerk.

I have written to W. Mosson  
saying that as almost all the  
Governors & all the Professors are  
out of the City, it will not be  
necessary to send out notices  
of funeral, as I take it for  
granted that he will be buried  
at St. Saviour, was right in  
doing so.

Dr. Burrill tells me he is  
attending to the advertisement

of the Donalds Special Course  
Mr Burrell says that the work  
at East Wing is getting on nicely  
the Skylight is in & the Porch  
nearly finished. I have told them  
to push the work so as to  
have everything complete for the  
opening of the Session

I have had a very pleasant  
time here. I feel that it is becoming  
me up for my winters work  
On the whole we have had lovely  
weather.

With kindest regards.

Believe me  
Yours. respectfully  
W. D. Brewster

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Montreal 11 Aug 1888

My dear Sir William

I wrote you yesterday re Prof Markgraf's allowance, little thinking at the time that he had passed away, and that all my ideas were misplaced or uncalled for.

When I saw his death in the paper this morning I wired you <sup>the</sup> news, but you probably knew it long before I did. My object in writing now is, that in conversation with an educated gentleman from Boston this morning about a successor, he said that if Mr or Dr. Elliott of Harvard was written to he might know of a good man. My friend said that there were in Boston many excellent Germans suited for the place & that their ideas

as to salary were very reasonable.

I thought as the time is so short that if you thought well of it you might write to Dr Elliott. But of this you are best able to judge I merely make the suggestion.

I will have the advertisement sent by you inserted in the usual papers.

I saw that Dr Watson that Miss Barnjum asked to be advised if she could have the hall to meet her friends in, told him (as asked in her letter) that she could.

This is all I have to write about now, and will merely add my regrets that poor Dr Drakegraf should be taken away so (to me) suddenly.

With kind regards to Lady Dawson believe me  
Yours Sincerely

Edw M R Peltonson

Capa' l'Aigle  
P. 2

Aug 22/88

My dear Sir William

Thanks for your  
letter - I am glad to  
see that there will be no  
difficulty in making  
a temporary arrangement  
if necessary, for carrying  
in the German classes.

Time for inquiries  
is an important matter  
before making a  
permanent appointment

I am sorry to learn  
from your letter that your  
fall was a more serious  
matter than I had supposed



From the paragraph  
in the paper both D Dalton  
and I came to the  
Conclusion that it  
was trifling and my  
asserted fear want  
of something sensational  
in vacation time

I am however glad  
to learn you are  
doing well, and hope  
to meet you in perfect  
health and vigour  
on our return to town

My family purpose to

Leave about Sept<sup>th</sup>

Our departure depends  
on the "day-boats" and  
these are leaving af  
once a week

With kindest regards  
from all of us to  
yourself, Lady Dawson  
and family

Believe me

Yours very sincerely  
Alexander Glass

Sir Wm Dawson Esq, &c

Littleport

P.S. Dr Kenton returned  
to town yesterday

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May 1888

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McGill College

25<sup>th</sup> August 88

Dear Sir William

I returned to the City  
on Tuesday evening since my  
arrival. I have received a few  
applications for the German  
Professorship, which Mr. Rolson  
thought you might like to look  
over. I then enclose them. Mr  
Lickich's letter I have answered.  
I am glad to say that the  
work at the East Wing is progressing  
favourably, they are now connecting  
the coil with the main pipes

the carpenters are now laying  
the hard wood floors. They skylight  
is nearly finished. I think that  
all will be ready for the  
opening of the Session.

I was very sorry to hear  
of your sad accident. I  
sincerely hope that you  
have quite recovered.

I am getting every thing ready  
for the opening of the Session.  
I have inserted the usual  
advertisement for Boarding  
houses.

I suppose I had better sub

in an advertisement stating  
that the Matriculation Exams.  
will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.

I enclose a copy. How many  
times a week shall I insert  
it. & in how many papers.

With kind regards.

Yours respectfully  
J. D. Greenwood

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P. Redpath

Sept 1888

The Manor House,  
Chislehurst

Sept. 17. 1888

Dear Sir William,

I went to Cambridge  
the other day, to see some books  
that are going out to McGill  
Library - Barrande is there, not  
elegant certainly - It goes just as it  
was purchased - The "Challenger" books  
are there too about a dozen of  
ponderous volumes - A lot of continua-  
tions possessing much historical value  
Sir W. Dawson Montagu.

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go also - I do not who will  
be interested in the "Palaeography"  
Perhaps somebody will -

A noteworthy book is the "Massorah"  
of Ginsbury of which two volumes are  
being sent - the third is kept as a  
pattern for binding the 4th when issued.

I thought it better to send Moor's  
dictionary in parts as they come  
out. You will observe that more than  
one volume is now issued, and conse-  
quently Vol 1 should be bound. The  
second half of last part begins Vol 2.  
~~and should be kept & bound with its successors~~

I don't know where the historical  
books are to be shelved - The Barande  
and

and the "Challenge Reports" can I suppose  
be accommodated in the Museum,  
unless you keep the other copy of the  
"Challenge Reports" there -

What has been done about a  
Librarian? I heard of a man the

other day who I believe would answer  
admirably - He has acquired some  
reputation as a bibliographer - Pross  
was speaking of him, but had no idea  
whether he would be willing to go out of  
this country - He probably would want  
the equivalent of \$1000 or possibly \$1200.  
From what I heard I think he would  
be an acquisition to McMill, but  
I would make full enquiries if there  
be

be any prospect of your wanting him.

I observed a notice of the death of poor old Markgraf a short time ago.

In the absence of my wife who is in St Leonard's assisting Mrs. Nielson to remove to a new house I venture to ask Lady Dawson if she will kindly show a little attention - were it only a call - to our friend Miss Charrington, a neighbour, who is going out next Friday in the "Sarnia" with the view of restoring her health which has been somewhat impaired by over exertion in behalf of poor in the East End of London. She was to have gone with Miss Burgess but now she is to be accompanied by a young lady cousin of the same name. Miss C. works with high Church folk, but I think only lacks opportunity to expand her sympathies. Ever  
would

would make an excellent deputy  
and would oblige me if she would  
devote an hour to Miss Charrington and  
I must now include the cousin.  
I do not know where they will stay -  
perhaps in the same house as Miss  
Bainum - 24 Union Avenue Street -

We have had a cold rainy  
summer - fies sometimes in July and  
August - The last two or three weeks have  
been much better - Hundreds - perhaps  
thousands of our roses battered by  
rain and starved by cold never reached  
maturity - We have not had one  
bloom on the magnolia - several  
promised - but there was not heat  
to

to bring forth.

When Henry Molson told you he was "not a candidate" for the presidency he probably did not mean that he would refuse to act, but merely that he left the matter with the Governors. The interest he feels in the University is such that I don't see how he can be passed over even were there more learned gentlemen willing to do as much for the College as he.

With my kindest regards to you all - I am

Ever yours faithfully

Peter Redpath

Sir William Dawson  
Montreal.