Delta Sigma meeting at Mr. Ritchie's - Tuesday May 1st 1888. -
An "At home" - invitations by card - on wh. was written - Essay, Debate, & Address by Dr. Murray -
The Essay was the one written in competition for the prize by Miss McLea & read by her - The Prize for best essay was presented to Miss McLee - The debate was on Cooperative Housekeeping, Misses Hunter & Reid advocating it & Misses Derick & Murray on the negative -
Then Dr. Murray was asked to fulfil his promise to say something of his visit to Vassar College at Christmas - He described the buildings & spoke of their management & of Miss Lyman the first Principal - and of its being one of the first institutions to provide collegiate education for women - Had Mr. Vassar lived later he would probably have left his money in a different way - to form an annexe to some other college where women would have their separate residence &c, but attend the same classes with the men - Spoke of how he had never attempted to hide his sentiments on the subject of co-education & had spoken

the night before at the graduates' dinner as he now spoke to the students present, urging them to make their voices heard as an important body in the University - Spoke of different customs in different colleges in Scotland - the stint-man who decided what each student was to pay as his graduating fee - how "Christopher Worth" used to put the students on their honour to report any irregularity in attendance, & other professors would appoint a student each week to call the roll - of the regulation at Aberdeen (?) of no woman being allowed within the college precincts except the washerwoman & she must be at least sixty - of how he saw no reason why both classes of students should not receive lectures together though they might have separate entrances if desired to each class-room & occupy different sides of the room - railed off if necessary - & that the objection of insufficiently large rooms need not present - for he had had the opinion of an expert that for $20.000 the college could easily be made to accommodate as many as necessary - He said that until he heard of their debate on Co-education he had not known that the students were so much in its favour.

Many friends of the students, not members of the Society nor of the University, were present -

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Very sorry to return you my
office in the Minutes with the
comments that I have done
all in my power to remove
anything in my action as President
which may have been disagreeable
to any of my colleagues I beg
leave to state that if in the
discussion of a point which came up
between Dr Clark Mary and myself
in regard to the education of women
there has been anything which appeared to them or to others
to be or may be construed into a disposition
from I deem it my duty to withdraw
the same and also to express
my belief that Dr Mary has
endeavored to carry out the
desire of the Board in that matter
even when they were not in accordance with his own views.

Respect upon
to
Mary
Jan 1913
Shelley to
Percy

Journal also due to say that if in the urgency of work or the difficulties which have been by path I have at any time been impatient or thoughtless of the feelings or welfare of any member of the Academy I sincerely regret this and trust I may be forgiven as I may have done what seemed at the moment best in the interests of the society and its students.

Words fails me more deeply than I the extreme imperfect way in which I have been able to grasp the important duties entrusted to me by the Board, and the unfavourable results attained. My only consolation is that I have striven with all my energies but age & the light and strength given me in the interest of education in its higher sense and of those entrusted to my care.

Memo
re Rewey
Dr Bruce
Sept 29/93

Little Metis
Jul 8/93

Referring to our recent conversation and to the approaching close of my official connection with the University, permit me to say that I have been deeply grieved to learn that matters on which we differed in opinion some years ago ~~still seem~~ continue to give pain to you and might even influence your decision as to certain offers from abroad.

~~In my own part~~ I can
that's

I need not say that I the have claim as I have been by the Board of God. My power and influence in the full case things of the past and as any case have not been asked ~~with no~~ would not be always exercised to your wishes. I may say to you as I said in general terms to the Corporation at its last meeting that if in anything I have offended I ask to be forgiven

I have no ~~[illegible]~~ right to speak for the Board of Governors but ~~I know~~ I can say as far as I know the sentiments of its members, those are of the most friendly and cordial character

[illegible] my desire to accept suggestions which you have made as to the [illegible]

amend their minutes either at your suggestion or mine

Copy to Mary
July 4/93

Cap à l'Aigle, P.Q., July 15/93

My dear Sir William,

Your letter of the 4th inst. I found on arriving here, where it had been forwarded. From its kindly spirit, and from what you have told me yourself, as well as from what has been told me by others, with regard to your remarks at the late meeting of the Corporation, I interpret your letter as meaning that you are ready to join with me in making such suggestions to the Board of Governors, as may enable you to retire from your office in the University with the consciousness that you have done everything in your power to remove the memory of any unpleasantness that may ever have arisen between you and any of your colleagues. I have already made so many efforts to induce you and the Board to meet me in a friendly spirit, that I scarcely need to assure you once more that you will not find me lagging behind in the earnestness of my endeavour to obliterate every cause of unpleasantness. I shall, therefore, be happy to know what suggestion you would propose.

Very truly yours,

J. Clark Murray

Chicago
Feb 16/93

asked you to give to the Board the reasonable and proper deliberation given to me in the circumstances, and I

The proceedings of the Board were primarily based ~~not on any letter but~~ on your ~~two~~ letter to ~~the~~ Board complaining of my action, and I expressed my willingness that the matter should be dealt with in that way.

The several resolutions of the Board, all of which were communicated to you but to no other person, were unfounded upon your own statements, without any interference on my part; but I am sure from the character of the gentlemen who prepared them, were ~~great the capacity which~~

intended to be respectful and conciliatory.

I have made no accusation or defence public or private, and have taken every opportunity to express my satisfaction with the manner in which you have discharged the duties committed to you by the Board of Governors.

I do not therefore feel that ~~to~~ now in the last day of my official ~~connection with the University~~ life, I can do anything further than express to you my sincere good wishes and the hope that

Lotte Metis,
July 31, 1893.

Dear Dr Murray,

In reply to your favour of the 18th inst, I beg to explain that my letter of the 27th was not intended to reopen the matters closed by my former letter of Sept. 1891, but had reference to the information you were so kind as to give me in relation to an offer likely to be made to you from abroad; and to remove from your mind impressions unfavourable to your continuing in your present position.

Since receiving your letter,

I have however, as far as possible in my present circumstances, and with the view above stated, looked into the past, and am disposed to ask you to receive the following additional explanations.

My letter of Sept 1888 was honest ~~and in good faith~~ intended to ~~warn you of what~~ express what seemed to me at the time an imminent danger to you and to the University.

Your reply, in my judgment, rendered me the accused party. I do this and contains grave charges against me and you thereby were not ~~appeal in the Minutes of the Board~~ appeal (unknown to the Bd) but was merely reprinted in confidence to the Chancellor as Trustee and Dr

Forward to
Dr Murray
Aug 30/91

Wrote

you may not be stricken down as I have been but may long be enabled to retain your useful and honourable position in connection with the University.

Sincerely yours

J Wm Dawson

Montreal, Sept. 23, 1893.

My dear Sir William,

I have been prevented by various causes from acknowledging your letter of July 31.

I learn with profoundest regret that you have relapsed into your unrelenting resolution to perpetuate the injury which you have done to me during the past five years, after having expressed your intention to do everything in your power to repair that injury, and to remove every remnant of any unpleasantness that had arisen between you and your old colleagues.

It is not necessary to dwell upon the explanations given in your letter, as they have nothing essentially to do with the injury which you have been asked again and again to repair. If you are satisfied with your conduct in taking this matter before the Board, I have repeatedly told you that I do not wish to interfere with your satisfaction, though I must once more draw your attention

to the fact, that your letter of May 7, 1888, begins with the statement, that you had taken that step, not on account of any letter you had received from me, but because you had received none. As a matter of fact, you did drag me before the Board to answer a question which struck a cruel blow at my good name; and I have never asked from you, nor do I now ask, anything but an honest judgment on your own question.

But on June 5, 1888, when the Board met to pronounce judgment on your question in accordance with the facts, you are aware that these were the facts upon which the Board had to proceed:—(1) that I had been summoned by the Board to answer your question within five days; (2) that I had answered the summons immediately by challenging the fullest inquiry, not only into your question, but into my whole academic life; (3) that neither you nor any other person had offered to take up that challenge; (4) that neither you nor any other person had ever produced the flimsiest particle of evidence to justify the suspicion that I ever had been, or was ever likely to be, guilty of the offence to which your question

referred, or of any other offence of which the Board could legally take cognizance. When it became evident that a judgment of the court before which you had summoned me would require to be based upon these facts, you allowed, if you did not instigate, the court to pronounce no judgment at all, so that I was left without that vindication which you were imperatively bound in common honesty to secure in order to redress the wrong which you knew that you had done to me by your question. When the court proceeded to make a record, the above facts were completely suppressed; and in their stead was substituted a minute which represents me as having done or said something which required the ~~Board~~ Court to warn me against certain grossly unprofessional indecencies, and to exact from me a promise that I should never be guilty of these indecencies in the future, while such a representation is known by you to be not only unsupported, but to be absolutely contradicted, by the facts that were before the court.

When I received your letter of

July 4, I was perfectly prepared, even at this late date, to accept your plea of inadvertency as an excuse for your offence, and ~~to~~ not only to extend to you the forgiveness which you asked, but to obliterate the whole affair from my memory, and to act towards you as if it had never occurred. But you now tell me that the offence is no longer an inadvertency, and that you are deliberately determined to perpetuate the wrong done to me by that minute as long as the university and its records endure. You put it, indeed, that you do not wish the question "reopened." But when you used this word, you were aware that the question never has been closed; you were aware that for five years I have endeavoured to ~~induce~~ get it closed by a judgment in accordance with the facts, while you have persistently used your influence with the Board to prevent it from being closed, ever since it became evident that it could be closed only by clearing me from the suspicion which you had thrown upon my honour.

It was but a scanty measure of justice that I asked from you. I asked

you merely to join with me in requesting the Board to pronounce at last the judgment, which it ought to have pronounced at first, on the question which you induced it to take up, and to bring its records into harmony with its own judgment; or, as I put it in other words, I asked you to join with me in requesting the Board to make a simple record of the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in reference to your question. This proposal I made to you as the result of a consultation with one of your most influential friends, and in the hope of saving you from a position which will be a painful shock to the whole university. You cannot blame me if there should be an outcry of indignation, not only at the treatment which I have received, but at your leaving such a legacy to the university, when you could clear it from the incubus at once by simply telling the truth, and inducing the Board to tell the truth, on a question which you have the sole responsibility for raising.

Yours very truly,

J. Clark Murray

Letter
Summer
Sept 1/13

McGill College.
Montreal.

Dec 23/93

J. W. Brakenridge,

Dear Sir,

In handing you the accompanying papers (nos 1 & 6 inclusive) as requested by the Board, and preliminary note permit me to say that I do so as a confidential and privileged communication, and with no intention of making any accusation against the Revd Dr Murray or of interfering with his interests; but merely

For the information of the Board in dealing with a request I understand he has made.

In like manner the preparatory note dated this day is a confidential communication intended for the information of those members of the Board who may not be aware of the circumstances which led to my letter of May 2, 1888 to Dr

Murray,

I trust that these papers will serve the purpose intended, ~~which~~ ~~I expect~~ ~~may~~ ~~[illegible]~~ but shall be happy to give any additional ~~information~~ answer any questions on my ~~purpose~~ subject.

I by further to say that if Dr M should make any objection to my action upon any representation against my conduct, in the matter I shall expect to be

allowed to make such explanations as may be necessary,

Truly yours
J. Macdonald

Kindly communicate the above to the Board

McGill College
Dec 23, 1893

J W Brakenridge Esq.
Acting Secretary

Dear Sir,

Permit me to say in handing you the accompanying papers (Nos 1 to 6 inclusive) by request of the Board of Governors, that I do so as a confidential and privileged communication, and with no intention of making any accusation against the Rev & Dr Murray or of opposition to his interests, but merely for the information of the Board in dealing with a request I understand he has made.

Truly Yours
J W Dawson
Emeritus Principal

McGill College
Dec 23, 1873

W. Fortescue Esq
Colonial
Dear Sir,

Permit me to say in
reading for the anniversary Dinner
I do so solely by request of
the Board of Governors, that
it is a confidential and
illegal communication, and with
no intention of meeting over re-
ceiving upon the Esq & Governors
of affording to his interest, but
merely for the information of the
Board in dealing with a request
of a substantial kind from Canada.

Truly Yours
W. Dawson
Chancellor Principal

To Sir Wm Dawson
Confidential

Dear Sir William

The enclosed notes are the only memoranda I have of the meeting you refer to, and I am afraid that I cannot recal any thing further. I am sorry to hear that the matter is being brought up again. There has always been an undercurrent of dissatisfaction, and lately

owing to the carrying out of some regulations in regard to societies of college students, it is a little more prominent than usual – You would perhaps see some expression of this in a letter in the last Fortnightly, though that contained many inaccuracies –

Thank you very much indeed for the

copy of your book, which I shall value very highly. I am enjoying the possession of a nice set of Chambers's Encyclopedia ~~&~~ which the amount you so kindly gave me for my summer's work enabled me to purchase.

Wishing you and Lady Dawson a very happy Christmas

I am yours sincerely

Helen Gairdner

47 Gloucester Street
Dec. 23rd 1893.

Copy to
Sir Donald
Smith
Dec 9/93

McGill College.
Montreal.

Saturday

Dear Sir Donald,

Re Murray

Mr Brabrooke informs me to-day that Dr Murray has made another complaint to the Board, & have given him the letters he asked for; but have a large amount of papers & facts and information of which I have made no use not wishing to injure or annoy Dr M.

If however he is des
~~tinned to give further~~
& Christmas by helping to relieve this
trouble I must ask
the permission of the
Board & state my
case also. This I
have not hitherto
done in order to
permission to do
being disposed rather
to suffer wrong.
I have exhausted
every possible effort to

Cincinnati ~~and~~ I M and
~~I~~ show him that
the Board has treated
him badly, and his
nobly, ~~and~~ but grant
by his present per-
sistence in going
~~to the~~ congratulate me
you all reasons to
show him any further
forbearance.

As I have to leave
town on friendly mission,

I shall be glad to
call for you some afternoon, say at 4, if
you can give me a
few minutes

Truly yours
J. W. Dawson