

Mr Murtland

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My dear Lady Dawson,

Allow me to assure you of the deep regret with which I read of your husband's death, and of my warm sympathy with you and your family. A kind letter of introduction to your husband, near forty years ago, from Sir Edmund Head, first brought me to his notice, and resulted, as you know, in my connection with your High School, in which he was so deeply interested. For some years after I left Montreal I lived in hope of being again

brought into close connection with
Sir William in McGill College.
But no opening offered itself -
to my great disappointment -
in that regard. But this did
not prevent me having many op-
portunities of availing myself
of the benefit of his calm wisdom
in many educational matters,
and in endeavouring to follow,
however feebly, his bright example
of unselfish regard for those, who
came under his eye at McGill,
and to imitate him, at however
wide a distance, in subordinating
self to the allotted work. My
sympathy though arises more
from my remembrance of many
a kindly word and many a
kindly act of hospitality than
from any public work - and
is the warmer on that account.

as we all must have deeper feelings I expect our
leaving a private friend, who has taken and
shown a personal interest in one's private life
than in simply worshipping for one, whom a whole
community is thinking of, as a leader and guide
taken from them. I do indeed sympathize
with you and feel how sad your life will be
without your husband -

Since I left Upper Canada College my own
life has not been eventful - spent here and in
London for the most part with frequent visits
to England, where I left my sister in Oct 55
quite rejuvenated by a visit with me, to Buxton
We both, alas! have very frequently to lament

His love & those who have been intimately mixed
up with our own lives and small affairs -

My kind regards, Miss Weston, keep you
generally posted in Montreal affairs, so far as
she knows me to have some knowledge of them -
When you see her - and I feel sure she will be
as near you as possible in your sorrow - kindly
remember me to her -

13²² I beg you to mention to Mrs. Sturtevant
to Dr. Dawson that I have written to you,

I am, my dear Lady Dawson,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Martineau

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