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Dear Lady Dawson

I feel gratified by your having sent me your kind regards accompanying the Report of the addresses given at the special meeting convened at McGill University on 20th November

I congratulate you on the testimony borne to the noble character of your husband and to the great life work he was enabled to accomplish. Your own knowledge of his public and private worth must be to you a never-failing cause of satisfaction, though deepening your sense of the great bereavement you have sustained.

I was in Montreal in June
1895 with two friends on the
business of the Edinburgh Life
Assurance Co. and I was
disappointed that Sir William
and yourself were then absent
from home, though I had the
pleasure of meeting your son.

I am nine months older
than your husband could have
been, but I am thankful for
good health and a loving family
of sons and daughters.

I have had many sorrows,
The failure of the City of Glasgow
Bank in 1878 swept away

my own fortune, that of my
wife and of her sister Mrs Lyne
involving a loss of £140,000.
Aunts, however, were kind and
generous, and helped us wonderfully.
Since that time we lost two
grown up sons, and my dear
brave wife, who ever cheered
me in our anxieties, herself
died in 1896

Praying that you may be
strengthened in your afflictions

I am

Dear Lady Dawson
sincerely yours
John Boyd