

3909 Locust St  
Philadelphia, Dec. 16. 1898

My dear Dr. Harrington:—

I have this morning  
received the invitations  
you were kind enough to  
send me, inviting Mr Bar-  
ker and myself to the opening  
of the Macdonald Chemistry  
and Mining Building of  
McGill University, on Tuesday  
afternoon December twentieth.

We appreciate very fully your  
courtesy in thus honoring us;  
and were it any other season  
we should have some hope  
of accepting. But the week before

the holidays as you well know is a busy one in college work; and as I have a lecture on Monday and two on Wednesday, which I cannot miss, I must regretfully give it up.

I say regretfully; for I recall so delightfully my visit to Montreal at the time the Physics and Engineering buildings were opened, that I am very sorry to have to give up what I am sure will prove only another equally delightful occasion.

Certainly Mr Macdonald has done grand things for McGill and has made the

Cause of education everywhere  
his debtor. I wish we could  
find here as broad-minded  
and liberal a man to take  
an interest in the University of  
Pennsylvania. Will you give  
him my congratulations on  
the splendid success he is  
having with his benefactions  
and my very best wishes for  
the best blessings of the season)

I hope Sir William is in  
good health. I saw Dr. G. M.  
Dawson in the Letkicks this sum-  
mer and he told me his father  
was in quite comfortable health.  
Pray present my kind regards  
to him with all good wishes.  
It would also give me a

a great deal of pleasure to  
come to Montreal for the pur-  
pose of seeing Mrs Harrington  
and the family; for I well  
remember the pleasant lunch  
at your house the last time  
I was there. I hope they are  
all well. Remember me most  
kindly to them all.

I was in New Haven the  
other day at the meeting of  
the National Academy of  
Sciences, and saw many mu-  
tual friends. I was sorry to  
hear of Professor Brush's res-  
ignation as Director.

Wishing you a Merry Christ-  
mas I beg to remain  
Sincerely yours  
George F. Barker.