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Dr. J. W. Dawson, L.D. &c.

My dear Sir

A former student and graduate of our College, Mr. S. H. Parsons has been seeking a position as teacher in the Protestant schools of your city, and having failed during a recent visit to Montreal to see the Commissioners, including yourself, ~~being~~ owing to absence from town, has begged from me a note to you in his favor. This I have taken the liberty of doing, and presume that it will ere long be presented to you. You will therein find that I have spoken favorably of his ability, which is certainly of a high order, but have said nothing of his moral character, and it is to supply this omission that I now write these few additional lines in private.

I regret to say that the character and principles exhibited by Mr. Parsons while in College were certainly not such as I could recommend, and were my action to be based upon this alone, I should certainly hesitate to address you at all on his behalf. I am however informed that he has recently shown many signs of amendment and has become a member of the Church of England and it is with the hope that such reformation will be a real and permanent one that I have been led to do what I could to assist him, by giving to him the letter he desired. I felt it however my duty to state at the same time, exactly what I knew of him, that you may the better be able to judge of his fitness for the position to which he aspires -

Trusting that you will excuse the liberty I have taken, and with all good wishes to yourself and family, I remain  
very sincerely yours  
L. W. Bailey