

Private

Chas. D. Day

W. Hill College.

Maids 9/46

My dear Judge Day,

I think it  
right to say <sup>unwisely</sup> ~~to connect~~  
a suggestion ~~with~~ what you mentioned  
to me yesterday, that  
the appointment of  
Mr Abbott as a professor  
would <sup>probably</sup> be a fatal way  
immediate resignation  
of all connection with  
the University. Not  
that I have any

Personal objection to  
him, for we are  
on quite friendly terms,  
though I know him  
to be a man who  
literally "neither fears  
God nor regards man",  
but I feel that  
such an appointment  
after the recent ones,  
would please the  
Board of Governors

in a position which  
would render it  
impossible for me  
to be its servant  
or to depend its  
constitutions.

I am glad to hear  
as you ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~so~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~well~~ <sup>well</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~usual~~ <sup>usual</sup>  
love to say this to  
you kindly, rather  
than to take  
you by surprise

in the matter at  
a future time; and  
I do not object to  
you telling Abbott my  
position in the matter,  
as I should do for  
myself did Apple  
bury die.

Sincerely yours

J. W. Dawson

Missy



Private

Mar. 13 /76

Dear Dr. Dawson

It is really very provoking that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the re-organized Council should happen to be called for a date not likely to secure a full attendance of members - but I am told the Govt. could not have legally named the members before Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> & that other pressing affairs hindered their acting earlier than they have done, thus causing all February & the greater part of March to pass by without a meeting for necessary business - The Bishop has told me he cannot attend on Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> (please read his letter enclosed & return it before that date) Dr. Cook has been dangerously ill - is now better & hopes to be able to come - Ifancy Mr Irvine's attendance is not quite certain, but he will be reminded of it again, & if prior engagements do not occasion his

absence from this City next week I suppose he  
can be had on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I was told  
this morning that Judge Dunkin is  
at present confined to the house by  
illness. I imagine also that Judge  
Davy's ability to come at this season  
cannot be looked for -

In the meantime there should be  
present 5 members of the Prot. part of  
the Council to form a quorum. If  
these be omitted as an *ex officio* mem-  
ber might count as one - It remains  
for you & Dr. Leach to decide whether  
at least one or both can come down.  
Mr. Ferrier (I suppose now at Ottawa) has  
not sent words yet -

According to Mr. O'Brien's view it would be  
very desirable that at least a quorum of  
each part of the Council be present on  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> in order to sanction the recommen-  
dation of the Grants from the Superior Educa-  
tion Money (for the year from July 1/74 to July 1/75).  
Even if not imperative under the new Act  
that the list (already prepared here) for that  
year should be dealt with by the Council,  
he seems to think it proper that it should  
be submitted before sending it to the Govt. In  
fact I find him decided on this point -

but I fancy there can be no cause for  
hurry as relates to the Marriage License money  
in view of its distribution in July next.  
It is this money recommendation affair that  
makes Mr. Vincent lay stress on the presence  
of a sufficient number of members of  
both Committees - but under the existing cir-  
cumstances, even should a majority of  
the Protestant members be absent, I have  
taken on me to say to him that there is  
no probability of any exception being taken  
if precisely as heretofore the list (for that  
particular year 1874 to 1875) be dealt with  
as usual by the Department on its respon-  
sibility - & in connection with this suggestion  
he wants me to inform any of the  
Protestant members that are not likely to  
be present of the fact that he & I together  
have gone carefully through the reports reu-  
dered for that year without alteration  
of the old list in any important particular  
except by placing on it two fresh protes-  
tant places whose cases have been urgently  
pressed - also to say that any member  
not likely to be present, & having any  
view or matter that he desires to see  
represented at the meeting, shall have his  
wishes carefully attended to.  
For my part I shall regret it if a sufficient

number of the Protestant members be not pre-  
sented - as there cannot but be several  
other matters of business & arrangements for  
the future, requiring their attention  
in chine as soon as possible - You will  
see, by Bishop Williams' letter enclosed, what  
his idea is as to States meetings & in  
view of responsibility now resting on the shoul-  
ders of the Prot. Council. I think Dr.  
Cook's is similar

Yours truly  
W. H. Miles

P.S. If you deem it necessary  
to make any immediate rejoinder to  
the foregoing please address it to  
No 9 St. La Gauchetiere for Montreal  
where I shall be held only for one day,  
as I have just received telegrams informing  
me of my son's severe sickness & requesting  
me to see him immediately & look after  
some urgent private business. I intend  
being back here by Wednesday night.  
W. H. Miles

344 <sup>Mrs</sup> LaGaudet Street.

Montreal Tuesday  
Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>

My dear Sir -

I am anxious before re-  
turning to Quebec to have oppor-  
tunity of a short interview

with yourself & if convenient  
with Judge Day & Mr. Leach

<sup>& Mr. Perrier</sup>  
to discuss a point or rather  
some points connected with  
proceedings of the Prot. Com-  
mittee at their late meetg  
at Quebec -

In recommending for their Secretary  
a "suitable salary" to be provided  
by the Govt. after previous  
conference between the members  
resident at Quebec with the

Department & members of the Govt. no  
clue was given or hinted at with  
respect to what might be considered  
"suitable" - Mr. Vincent Driscoll &  
I have had some conversation on  
this point. The members of the Council  
may not know (though Judge Driskill is  
certainly aware of it) that the Local  
Govt. in 1867 & since have adhered to  
a principle as much as possible, viz;  
in the allotment of salaries for their  
own officials, to arrange that the  
ratio of public monies assigned for  
C. Cath. & Prot. Officials shall be  
about that of the Cath. & Prot. popu-  
lations of the Province - and to preserve  
the relation it has been suggested that  
the Govt. in acceding to the propo-  
sal of the Council to furnish a "suita-  
ble" salary for the Committee's Sec-  
retary will be forced to diminish  
mine to a corresponding extent -  
Again, the gentlemen referred to above,  
infer from the action of the Committee the  
idea

\* Wednesday even<sup>g</sup>. - I should like much  
if you would let me know at what  
time it might be convenient for  
me to see you -

Mr. Guinet will I think defer till  
Thursday or Friday making his  
report to the Govt. -

Yours truly  
W. W. Miles

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(The Committee  
that they ~~may~~ <sup>are</sup> initiating a policy somewhat aggressive and manifesting a desire of complete separation of R. C. & Prot. Educational interests & management - & they <sup>in that case</sup> say that it would be better for this to be distinctly intimated & that they will be found prepared for such a change -

Moreover this idea has been strengthened by the appointment of Mr Weir as the Secretary of the Protestant Committee followed by recommendation for a salary - that gentleman being (for a some time past) almost universally regarded by the R. Catholics as a decided & uncompromising enemy to them their creed & interests. From what has passed at Quebec I am of opinion that some re-constitution, so far as Protestant interests are concerned is necessary in regard to the staff of the Department - and therefore I think an interview relative to this matter is desirable -

I shall not leave town at least before

(Copy)

May 20/76.

Rev Canon Duncanson  
Chairman of

Dear Sir,

As I am given to understand that the committee appointed by the Board at its last meeting have deviated from the instructions as to the tender for land <sup>in this case</sup> he accepted, I beg to say that I shall move at the next meeting that their report be not ~~accepted~~ <sup>accepted</sup>, and that the Board advertise for contracts again, in the manner provided by its resolution passed I think two years ago, this being in my judgment truly your the only proper way of <sup>God bless</sup> preparing me ~~and~~ the public

May 20/10

(10/1)

The Green Group  
Chambers St

Dear Sir

C. J. Bennett  
May 19/10

I am very glad to hear  
that the committee appointed  
to look into the matter  
of the Green Group  
has been formed and  
that their report will be  
presented to the Board  
of Directors for their  
consideration. I trust  
that the Board will  
be able to give the  
necessary assistance  
to the Green Group  
in their work.

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From  
City of Redpath  
June 6  
Monday

My dear Mr Redpath,

Since I saw you  
last I have been struck  
with a feature of the  
new building to which  
I think it proper to ask  
your attention. The architect  
has placed three columns  
in the portico. He says this  
is in the original elevation;  
but I can scarcely believe  
that it could have escaped  
my notice. The thing is  
entirely against all

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Structural and architectural  
rules and will not  
escape criticism; more  
especially as the center  
pillar is over the middle  
of the doorway. I spoke  
to Hutchinson about it  
this morning. He did not  
deem able to defend it  
but spoke as it to  
would not be observed  
which I feel certain will  
not be the case, more es-  
pecially as the columns are  
the most prominent feature of  
the front. There should be only  
two or four. I am sorry to  
bother you about this; but think  
your attention should be called  
to it

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To Dawson

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The Board cannot  
accede to your  
petition

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Mc Gill Normal School  
Montreal  
July 7<sup>th</sup> 1876

S Dawson

My dear Sir

With reference to the  
matter about which I promised  
to write to you I enclose the letter  
I received from Prof Roberts.

After reading it I called upon  
Mr Barton, the father of one of  
the young persons accused of  
copying, and told him plainly  
that, as all who had looked over  
the examination papers in question,  
had come to the conclusion that  
there was even stronger reason  
than strong suspicion of having  
acted on the part of his  
daughter and Miss Burke,  
~~that~~ I could not recommend

them to the Superintendent of  
Public Instruction for New Brunswick.

He replied that in that case he  
would be obliged to take the matter  
as far as it would go, inasmuch as  
to let it drop would be to leave a  
stain on his daughter's Character,  
and, as he was led to suppose,  
deprive her of having the advantages  
of any educational institution  
of the Province.

After some further conversation  
he asked me whether, in so far as  
only suspicion as yet existed,  
and that the affair had not been  
submitted to final investigation,  
his daughter might be allowed  
to apply at the opening of the  
next Session for admission to the  
Medical School Class, and undergo  
the ordinary examination for  
that purpose, it being understood

that her claim of the elementary diploma  
had been forfeited. I told him  
that this was a subject which would  
have to be considered, and that I  
would give him an answer in the  
course of a few days. He begged  
me to let him know as soon as  
possible, as he wanted to set his  
mind at rest on the matter.

The affair now stands  
as I have stated.

I do not see that we can refuse  
Miss Butler's application at the  
beginning of next Session, unless  
it be on some grounds; and in  
that case her father will carry  
the matter as far as he can.

It is evident he could do himself  
no good in the end. But he lays  
great stress on the testimony he  
can get of his daughter's previous  
good character at Church

Sunday School &c.

I intend seeing Dr. Clarke  
about the business before us, and  
that both parties, have the  
same views on the subject.

Please let me know what  
you think of the foregoing <sup>particulars</sup>  
and oblige

I am very truly

Wm. J. Hill

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Wm. Mervin  
Sept 14/52

Dear Dr. Dawson

Are any other formalities  
to be gone through, besides having  
named to you, that my son  
wishes to go up for Matriculation  
this year —

I have heard that a report  
has been circulated that the  
Exams. of the A.S. Ass. are to be  
compulsory to all who take  
as students — W<sup>m</sup>. Mervin

mentioned this to me to day  
I said it ought to be contradicted  
as publicly as possible, as  
great was the danger of their  
names in consequence. The  
shortest few lines, contradicting  
this will be the most effectual  
way to stop the report. Some-  
thing in the form of a letter -  
if you see me appearing <sup>in the papers</sup> you  
will understand the reason -

I trust you have returned much  
benefited by your summer  
trip, & with kind regards to

Mr. Dawson & yourself believe me

Yours truly

Henry Meade

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>



Ottawa, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1876

My dear Sir,

I understand from Mr. MacCabe the Principal of the Normal School that it is the intention of Mr Crocker, the Minister of Education, to advertise for a successor to Mr Gibson, late Science Master of the N. S. From what I have heard there are a number of applicants already in the field - Accompanying this you will receive a syllabus of the work - I was much pleased to learn of Sidney Huntton's success at your matriculation examination - The other two Exams are not equal to him but I hope you

will find them fair average  
students - - They would have been  
the better of another year before  
going to the University - -

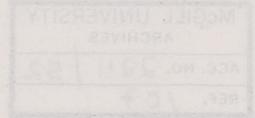
Very truly yours  
J. Mooburn

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Montreal  
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Please Sir  
as I am a stranger  
in the City of Montreal  
as the person Jessie Bela  
McDonald you would oblige  
me greatly if you would let  
me know when is the exami-  
nation of Teachers coming off  
as I was directed here to  
fine out your absence  
dissatisfied are,

So please send  
a slip to Mr. William Gordon

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McDonald  
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To Jessie Bella McDonald  
In Care of Mr. William  
Chanderning 731<sup>st</sup>  
Montreal



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Ottawa 3 Nov

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My dear W Dawson.

Accept my thanks for  
your note of the 31<sup>st</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. I am  
glad to hear that Judge  
Dunken is expected at Montreal  
next week and that Judge  
Doy is himself again. I am  
kind regards to you if the same  
interest you are taking in my  
wharf.

I think it might be well

to send a copy of the 'Confidential'  
letter about I wrote to Judge  
Dunham on the matter, as I  
sets out the facts of the case.

I shall pass through the  
Montreal next week and  
shall endeavor to see you and  
have a talk with you about  
matters generally.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

D. Meredith

St Dawson

Principal  
King's College

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