Knowlton, 1 Jan. 79.

My dear Principal,

I trust your town friend Day had not your label for your paper in the matter of your trip to Quebec. But I have my fears; as I find here that Lynch telegraphed on Monday to Ottawa about the Holidays, & got an answer so hesitative, as satisfied him there was no use in his going. I told him how you were answered; & he was a good deal surprised.

I had to tell Rutka plainly of the cried coope in Washed's to him; for he brought & showed me the original letter. He also gave me copy of his thesis. I have not yet read it through. He spoke, too, of Archibald's

Principal Dawson,

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letters to himself, & I asked to see them. But he said they had been sent in by him to Rayes. At least, I so understood. Though they may have been merely handed to Judge Day.

Could you, without too much trouble, get them for me, & also whatever may have been his letter or letters down to the last — which (you know) I have.

I told him I would take pains personally to look up the matter without delay; I advised him to keep reasonably quiet. He felt evidently a good deal of personal grievance, as toward individuals of the Faculty; I talked of throwing up his B.C.L., if not allowed the D.C.L. I suggested keeping cool; I think I left him in better temper. Please let your friend Judge Day know; at, of course, I have no idea of taking the matter in the

slightest measure out of his hands.

I am off on Monday for Bedford, to be home about Wednesday, or may be Thursday. I hardly know yet how soon I can again get into town.

In haste,

Yours most truly

Christopher Dunkin

Dear Rev
Mr Geikie

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Knowlton, 10 Mar.
79.

My dear Principal,

Yours of the 8th reached me duly. I have been & am so pressed, that I can even now only write a sort of just off. To-morrow I have to open my E. B. Term at Lucknow. How long it will last I have no idea. But I will do my best to write fully from there.

The mess into which we are got by the style of writing of the two Secretaries, is most disgusting. I see no way out of it, but by "free conference." And I am vexed enough not to see how I can get into town again before my term is over. If the Faculty won't do the peaceable, we may have to give notice of the Corpn. meeting for degrees in Law & Medicine, & special action to be taken at the meeting for the degrees in Arts & Science. — Another matter &

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must mention. Ch. Justice Meredith has just written to me for information about the University. A son of his is to study either at Toronto, or with us; & he wants to know all about it. Would you kindly send him our full Catalogue. Perhaps it would be as well to send him one with the Examination Papers. I have told him I would write to you to such end.

But I have not another minute at command.

Yours very truly

J.W.

Dunkers
Oct/79

Knowlton, 14 May 79

My dear Principal,

I always like to see your handwriting; though, last night, I was sorry you had the trouble of writing — busy as you are.

I have it down on my rolls as fixed as anything on it can be, that I am to reach town Thursday the 22d & to stay there (Quebec trip included) to the afternoon of the 31st, or (more likely) the morning of the 1st June.

You may cut out any engagements for me within those limits. I shall have lots of other things on hand. But College arrangements, so far as you may have made them, shall have precedence. Either let me know here, or on arrival at J. D. Mackay's what arrangements you may have made. Should any unforeseen impossibility arise, I will instantly advise you of it.

Yours most truly

Christr Dunkin.

Principal Dawson,
F.R.S.

Dunkin
May 1/79

Lucknow, 18 Mar.
79.

My dear Principal,

This tiresome S.P. Term has kept me so busy here that I have been utterly unable to write to you again (as when writing on the 10th, I hoped to have done before now) about that Butler matter. And it will not be over before Friday, if then. I am sorely afraid I shall not be able to get into town, even on Saturday. By Wednesday the 20th, I must be at Waterloo; & shall surely be there all that week, including Saturday. So that I am afraid I may not get into town this week or for the next Monday. Besides which, I shall have to open a Term at Knowlton on Tuesday the 1st (April fool-day) so that my getting in may even have to stand over later than that; per-

Principal Dawson,

F. R. S.

haps, till after my next Superior Court Term here, which will cover the week from the 8th to the 13th inclusive. I don't know when I have ever felt myself more coolly driven.

I write now, tired & hurried. Nothing can be more disagreeable than the position in which the sum of this correspondence puts us all. Archibald, for the Faculty (whether authorized or not) had written to Butler that his subject is done to be approved, (later) that his thesis is approved, & that he is to look for his degree. Then comes his third letter — Apl 30 — wrongly stating that the Corporation has refused to accept the Faculty's Resolution, & have referred it back to the Faculty &c. And — as if all that was not enough — Baynes has since written telling Butler officially, that the Governors have meddled in a way in which they have no right to meddle. I have told Butler that this was a mistake of Baynes's. But correspondence on the subject any further, can hardly be

or fail to do more harm.
any possibility do good, in some
way or other, the Faculty ought
to remove obstacle from the way
of the Corporation, as to the grant-
ing of this degree. It seems to
me they can surely do this, or
at not even to let in the other
two men, whoever they were. Un-
lessindeed, there has been like
blundering as to the correspond-
ence with them. But at any
rate, there could be no trouble
as to any future case. Rukey
seemed to me to be very irate.
He hates the trouble to certain
personal jealousies, which
may or may not operate.
But at least this is certain:
that any row about the mat-
ter will hurt us. I don't
see that we need that element
to embroil our fellows' election
next month. Not yet, indeed,
on any earthly accounts.

Since I began this, I receive
the notice for Saturday's meet-
ing. You may be sure I will
come in, if I can. Just a line
to me here, to say if progress is
making towards a satisfactory end,
would be welcome. In haste,

Yours very truly

Chas.

Dunkin
Feb/79

to

Huron College
London, Ont.
March 22. 1879

Principal Dawson, L.L.D., F.R.S., F.G.S.
McGill University
Montreal

My dear Principal

As you have always been a true & sincere friend of mine, I lay the following request before you, which if granted might prove of use to me in the advocacy of evangelical truth.

I obtained my degrees of Ph.D., and D.D. from the College of the Propagandа, Rome. Now, as the Propagandа is one of the leading Romish Colleges, I have been desirous, for some time, of obtaining degrees from a Protestant University. Would your University

be willing to confer upon me the honorary degree, say, of L.L.D, or D.C.L.? If you ~~tin~~ think, that it might be done, would you kindly propose my name for such an honour at your next meeting? As you know, I have been much connected with literary work, & if you desire to have further details, I shall send them to you.

With kindest regards

I am, my dear Principal

Yours very faithfully

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Waterloo, 27 March
1879.

My dear Principal,

I have not had, till now, a moment in which to write to you. I was vexed on Monday to find from Butler that Mackenzie's letter told him his last letter had been "referred to the Faculty of Law". Of course, I told him it had not been; he readily gave me the letter. It does seem as if there could be nothing done in this matter, but what may savor of blundering from the diplomatic point of view. I saw also the Chancellor & Archibald. Wuttke I could not make him see.

This, I suppose, will not reach you in time to be of any use in the way of suggestion. My hope is, you may have got the matter referred to a Committee of Corporation, or to otherwise

disposed of as not to slam any door upon anyone between this & next Corporation meeting. I am not sure I can get into town next week. And the week after I must be at Tweedsmuir. The week after that, at latest, I will see you. And, if you say so, I will write Butler strongly urging him to put in another thesis, &c. Of course, I have no idea of at all seeking to force the hand of the Faculty. From what Archibald tells me, I fear we cannot draw a line between Butler & the other two; as I had hoped we could. But that is no reason we should not try to fit things into a pacific shape. My chief anxiety is not to have, on any account, another malaprop epistle. Everything, so far, that has been written Butler has been somehow or other unfortunate, from first to last. And our whole real trouble is from this, &

the consequences of the two deliverances of the Faculty: first, for letting the thesis slide, & then for hinting to have the Corporation fall back on the Statute.

I write so tired & so hurried that I hardly feel sure my note is worth sending. But it must go, faute de mieux.

Yours very truly,

Christ Franklin

Dunbar
Oct 1/79

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

28th March
1879

Dear Mr Dawson,

I am desired by His Exc. to say how much he regrets at being unable to accede to the request of the University that he should take part in the Convocation - especially after your letter. but finding

that his duties as Ottawa, pr

especially this being his

first Parliament, are of

that nature as to constantly

demand his presence, he

has determined not to

leave Ottawa till after the

prorogation of the two Houses.—

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Always Sincerely yours

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Montreal, April 14th 1879.

Dr Dawson.

Dear Sir,

I have put off perhaps too long to thank you for your kind letter of recommendation which you sent me in due time. I have as yet been unable to secure any suitable place; for what I am doing can hardly be called proper work, yet I am doing my best to secure all I can for next Fall. I have many a time pondered on the action of your Board, and I am still thinking that I have been unfairly dealt with. In spite of all my efforts, my earnest endeavor to make my department a success, the neglect of the French when I took the classes, the good will of all the scholars, the progress they were making, the unavoidable disturbance caused by the change introduced in the school, the utter want of help on the part of the head master, all this was not thought of & without due notice I am put away as if I had been doing my work carelessly

you can see better now how true are all these considerations when a teacher brought from the other side has so signally failed & when the present one is far from being liked by the scholars. & you will have chance to see at the end of the year how he is doing his work. This I can ascertain by the pupils who take lessons of me & follow his lessons.

Further when the classes were divided as was the case of the fifth form. Dr Howe taking a part of it & I the other did his form do better than mine? Did they pass a better examination? Further when I examined one of my weakest form before the public did not answer in French as well as in any other subject? So much so that Dr Howe came to me & said that they had done remarkably well.

In my estimation the great improvement noticeable in all the classes studying with me. not only in French but also in Geography & Arithmetic & Sacrifice History should not have been lost sight of by the Board, or else what is the use of being faithful regular & taking great pains with scholars. besides there is no doubt that there was a general improvement in the discipline of all the classes & I may say that I was

as much as any other the cause of that improvement. You took away from the chance of getting any decent place for the current year by telling me so late about the change. I have my views of things & tell you plainly what I think, it is this. Robins wanted to favor Miss Flumen & made that change; was mistaken in the result & had to put away his man & but would not take me back, he prefered ~~one~~ inferior teacher. The Board, unluckily is led too much by him as the public seems not to be convinced of it, and it is not to your credit in fact. I have waited till to-day to see if some kind of work could not be given me by your Board, but have waited in vain. All past services seem to have been forgotten & now I will take measures to go to the States as soon as I can dispose of my property at not too great a loss. I am not properly encouraged though I did my best to give satisfaction. No French protestant our lot is not pleasant one here I may tell you & sometimes I am sorry that I did not follow the advice of many of my friends who wanted to retain me in the States.

I must, however, thank you most heartily for your support & help, and without you I would never have had that place in the High

School, for Howe was always against me and even when I was doing my best to please & the Board he tried always to shut me. What for? I dont know; I supposed he was jealous & he appeared to be so. ~~The~~ man, like he, who can not write a page of decent English, can not bear any one doing better than himself, and he had no reason to bring before you such accusations and complain to the Board about me.

If you hear of any kind of work let me know for I have not yet found what I want and mean to remain in the same terrace for another year though I change my number which will be — 1370 Ste Catherine ll. 4 Wellington Terrace, in a few days. I know that your influence will go very far & if you wish to help me you can do so. You know that I have worked faithfully for many years in this town & I know that you are fair & just with teachers.

Yours Respectfully

N. Duval.

Sweetbrier
10 Apl. 79.

My dear Principal, I am sorely worried to think I have been so long putting off my promised letter to you. Really, I have not been able to help it. There seems to be always work I must be at, when I am not (metaphorically speaking) working outright.

Yesterday & today I have been holding Court here; & count on getting home at some hour or other on Saturday. Last week & the week before, I had to be at home, but driven all the time. For next week I am somewhat at a loss. If I can, I shall come in early next week for a short run, & then come in again for Convocation. But I may be caught when I get home,

in one way or other, I drive to the other plan of making one town visit do for Convocation & all.

Convocation, I take it, is the 30th; & I presume (hearing nothing) that the Marquis does not come. What day Corporation meets I can't call merely to mind. Would you drop me just a line to say. I feel I must manage to be in then. Indeed, I am anxious beyond measure to be in for a reasonable term of time before. Really, this year, I seem only to have to want very much to do anything, in order to find that for some not half expected reason I can't. A line to give me your dates would be quite a relief. If mailed on Friday morning, I should get it here. If mailed later, you had better address it to Knowlton.

Supposing Convocation
the 30th, I have 3/4 ordered
a pile of Court work here
for the Xmas prox.; to do which
I must leave town on the
1st. The Tuesday after, I
have a Court to hold at Tam-
ham; the day but one
after that, another at Know-
ton.

On second thoughts in-
deed, I would be glad to
have the two dates of Con-
vocation & Corporation
meetings, here, by telegram,
immediately on your
receipt of this; lest I
may not get hooked into
any awkward arrange-
ment while even so little
in the dark.

In haste for fear
write under such fatigue
that I can go into no other
matter than just this.

Yours most truly

L.W.

Drew Mrs
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Knowlton, 7 June
79.

My dear Principal,

Your note is just to hand. I am glad of its tenor. Certainly, the thing may be held for done. Though the formal vote of appointment must take place at our coming meeting fixed for the 28th.

I am very glad to hear of the Lorne Medal.

On Monday morning I am off to Tweedbank for Tom; I doubt my having a leisure day — I mean a day out of Tom's or not wanted for Tom, before the 28th, — when I must be see you.

In haste,

Yours very truly

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Villa Richelieu
16th June 1879

My dear Dr Dawson

I was glad to hear from you particularly as your letter brought the welcome announcement of the Governor General's liberal donation to you and the College — we shall by & by get so many medals that we shall hardly know what to do with them. I congratulate you upon the conclusion of your College work for the session and hope you will find enjoyment and recruited strength during the vacation. Kind regards — Yours truly Chas D. Day

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9 June 79

CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

To Principal Dawson, F.R.S.
McGill University
Montreal.

British American Bank Note Co. Montreal

Streetsbrough, 13 June 79.

Yours of yesterday just received here. Shall be sitting in Court at Waterloo, Friday 27th. Cannot therefore come in before Saturday morning. Can only get arrive between 9 & 10 a.m. Might or might not be able to attend Committee at 11. Should rather have thought Committee after Board meeting better. Committee reporting to Board on 28th being pretty well out of question.

Yours truly
Wm. R. Smith

Villa Rachelieu
14th June 1879

My Dear Dr Dawson

Dr George Baynes informed me when I was in Town that he was a candidate for the chair resigned by Dr Godfrey — as he has given the subject of Hygiene and public Health a very special attention it seems to me he ought to be appointed and although the matter must be chiefly influenced by the Medical Faculty - I am willing to give him

him whatever benefit my opinion in his favour may afford — If you take the same view of it, I wish you would give him what help you can with propriety — I would write to Dr Campbell but am a little afraid that it might do more harm than good for a governor of the College to try to influence the opinions of the Faculty in a matter in which it is presumed to be most competent to judge — If however I were in the City I would speak to him about it —

I fear from what Mrs Dawson said

said that we have no
chance of seeing you here -
I am sorry for I should like
to have some quiet talk
with you about College and
other matters -

With kind regards to your
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joins - believe me

Yours sincerely

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26th Augt 1879

My dear Dr. Dawson

Yours of yesterday is to hand. I have seen Mr Joly twice and yesterday, left with him your Telegraph & letter to again consider the Matter in Council. I thought that Chauveau was inclined to accept your view when I saw him last, he requested one to come to the Council yesterday at 2 o'clock but they did not meet, only Mr Joly — I will enclose him your letter now received for their meeting to day — every thing is in a most unsatisfactory

State
the Government have no power to
carry out their Measures, their
Measure to Reduce Crimes Salary they
withdrew and left it the same, they
can do nothing to bring the expenditure
within the income and we are going
to gain as fast as we can

Yours very truly

J. Ferrier

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Knowlton, 2 Nov.
79.

My dear Principal, I think I never was so pulled to pieces, to settle my movements before. The truth is, that with the weather as it has been, I have been hopelessly unable to break away & get into town. But I am thankful to be able to say I find myself much better for my spell of quasi-quiet at home.

Still, I also find myself yet further hampered than I like. I see no chance of reaching town before Friday evening or Saturday morning next. And I shall be driven then, I fear. Anyhow, I will do you all the College work I possibly can. I will let you know before I start, should I be able to say that I will at any given time meet those Committees. They may have to stand over yet for a further week or two. Too bad; but I can only do the little I can. I reproach myself about it; but to no good end. Yours ever

W.W.

C Dunker
Nov/79

Collège Richelieu
8th Nov 1879

Dear Dr Dawson

I am very much obliged for the number of the Princeton Review. It contains some papers on subjects which particularly interest me and notably more so than your own article which I am keeping as a bonne bouche –

I see that the University Lecture is to be delivered on the 13th and hope to

see

am in for a day or two
with Mrs Day – partly
to present myself at
the College and to see
you and other friends
and partly to dispose of
some matters which
require my attention.

Hoping to see
you soon I remain
Yours sincerely
Thos D. Day

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Knowlton, 13 Nov.
79.

My dear Principal, I am just home: my Election Court turning up for a time, unexpectedly, to-day. And I count on now being here through next week; indeed, I suppose, till I may have to be starting the week after, for Quebec & Montreal, as we understood each other. I shall be very busy; but feel most anxious about the College. The more so, from seeing this instant in yesterday's Witness the notice for the graduates' society meeting. Pray drop me a line & put me au fait of what is up in that direction; I mean in the matter of what is spoken of as the proposed change about election of

Fellows, & the suggested memorial about future nominations to the Board of Governors. On the former subject, I had some talk with Ramsay & Maclaren & I think Donald. And I thought they all agreed with me as to the advisableness of a longer term for our representative fellows. If it is in that sense that it is proposed to move the Society, I shall be well pleased. But I am not quite sure that it is. The notion may be to prevent a change which would indirectly lessen the value of Gradwards' Society lobbying. And as to the other matter, I apprehend the demand is pretty sure not to be altogether for good. However, in whatever sense things may be going, I should be glad to know whatever I can, as soon as you can find time to write me. I don't want

to come in, especially if I can help it. For as I have said my hands are very full.

In haste,

Yours most truly

Chas. L. Tunkin.

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See pretty clearly from the paper, since that writing only was to be interrupted on your leave of absence

P.S.

Ottawa, 19 Nov. 79.

My dear Principal,

Yours of the 17th reached me that evening. Vexed enough I was to learn from it, from a note of Wagner's, that our meeting was the 22d. I had certainly spoken to you of being in for it on the 29th; but I suppose you did not notice the blunder I was making. To make matters worse, I had appointed for some court duty on the 22d at Waterloo. However, I sent him over yesterday, & succeeded in getting a change made. So, I

fully count on getting into town on Friday (forenoon, I presume) to have time for seeing you & others before the Saturday meeting. The worst of it is, I had to put off my other work to Monday; which will force me either to come home Saturday afternoon, or to start with day-light or before it on Monday. Whether or not I shall be able to get to Quebec, is more than I can yet say. Quinet, in answer to a telegram, tells me the meeting stands for the 28th. If I can I will go on from Waterloo via Acton to Quebec on Tuesday. But of this I can't be over sure.

I confess to feeling very anxious to be in for Saturday. But I cannot possibly arrange for any complete reading then, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Villa Richelieu
20th Nov /79

My Dear Dr Dawson

I fear I cannot be in Town friday but will endeavour to get in to the Governors Meeting Saturday I am glad to hear that the Law Faculty have come to the conclusion that a reorganization is necessary — I will do all I can to help in it — but that I fear will not be much — With kind regards to Mrs Dawson and your uncle believe me yours sincerely

Chas D. Day

Early Day
Nov 29

P.S. I will write a note to Principal Leach in Quebec to keep Quebec expected to see him this afternoon. W.D.

Knowlton, 23 Nov. 79.

My dear Principal,

After leaving you I saw Mr. Ferrin & the Bishop. The former clearly cannot go. The latter assured me he fully meant to do so. Had I had time I should have driven round to Mr. Leach. I think it may be important he should be there as a Hill man, to stand out against any possible hasty action affecting either the College or our Normal School. I really feel I cannot go myself.

By the way, let me say I think it desirable that action as to any secretary should stand over quite open. There ought not even to be any compromising talk on the subject, till such time as our wish can have fairly been in way. And this it cannot, until after the Miles Commission shall have become fact. — I am not quite sure best that I may be able to see you flying into Montreal next week or at Knowlton next week.

In haste, Yours ever truly
W.D.

Dr. Ahlers
No 229

Duval

Montreal, Dec 4th. 1879.

Dr Dawson.

Dear Sir,

I cannot but tell you that I feel discouraged at the way things go with me and at the manner that I have been used by your Board. Now, please understand by this that I do not blame you, but the parties who brought false complaints against me. Now, the more I think of it the more I can say that Prof Robins is the main cause of it; and, in my estimation he is a very dangerous man. Now take the case of Mills, Weir, Dr Davies, all able men, especially the two first ones, most conscientious — I never met with a better teacher than Mills and Weir is nearly as good, and how have they been used?, but the fact is that Robins is a liar. and

If you doubt my word about this severity, ask Mrs Dodds. If the Girls High school

if a man seem in any way or manner to oppose him, he is a marked man & some reason true or feigned will be found. Dr Davies told me that Robins is a perfect liar, Weir says the same. You saw, doubtless the articles in the "Star" last Winter how true they were!

Now again, what spite had he against my books and the change came not from the teachers but from him & if you will investigate as I did you will find it to be the case. Humphrey told me also Rowell that the teachers had nothing to do with it. The same man all through. I was, in the past, most favourably disposed towards Robins, but his way of managing the schools, the bitter feeling which existed against him among the teachers, which I opposed always, this was caused mostly, as I supposed at the time, by his want of polite & refined manners, for few educated men are as rough & coarse as he is, I mean among those he thinks so inferior. this is felt everywhere, and that is

wrong I took his part; feeling I confess that he had been very unlucky about the normal school, when the change took place. But a sense of justice and fair play made me blame him though I kept it to myself; his action in the case of Mr Arnold then Mills, Weir and Davies I consider. What business had he when I was doing my work well to try to ~~prejudic~~ prejudice Dr Jenkins against me? He wanted to get that man there and that was all and you know also he complete fiasco. The fact is the man has by far too much power in his hand and he does what he likes. This is the impression received by the public and that is the way they look upon him and the Board. I had also, unfortunately another enemy it was Dr Howe who had no reason to act as he did towards me, but as he is stubborn as a mule, he would in spite of all fairness, oppose me. Because I was French he could not understand that I might teach arithmetic as well as he did. I took classes understanding nothing at the element of mathematics. Who was to blame for this?

I will have from now till the spring to take a decision and I will have to leave town as I dont make enough to support my family. I have tried, all I could, to find work, but the fact is that there is such a competition in our town and so little opening that it is very difficult to earn a living. The Coloured find it the same. Our protestant schools act very unfairly towards us French protestants. As I told you before five or six of our best private schools are taught by catholics. Although the Bishop tried his best to help me there is so little backbone to our protestants here that they dont so but they can have missionary meeting in their schools and yet refuse us works which we could do as well as any one else. Money is so scarce besides that it is difficult to form classes. Besides young men are not anxious to learn; the classes which we have opened at the Mechanics' Institute dont succeed as well as they should or as they did years ago. The same for that Hand & Tools.

Yours Respectfully

N. Duval

If you doubt my word about his veracity, ask Mrs Lord. of the Girls Institute

Sherbrooke 24th Decr 1879.

My dear Sir

Will you kindly look at the Quebec Statute. 32 Vict: Cap. 16. Sections 4 and 9 - and tell me what you think of them? Section 9 seriously affects the Normal School grants. And seems to conflict with Section 4.

Yours faithfully

B. W. Heaton

Dr Dawson

McGill College

Montreal.

Dec 1849

Cookshire P. Que.
Dec. 31st 1879

Dear Sir

In a letter to me replying to inquiries that I had made concerning the 1st year of the arts course you very kindly invited me to call on you saying that you would advise me what do

I shall be in Montreal on the 3d of Jan. proximo, and would like to have an interview with you at 3 PM. on that day

If not convenient to you please send word to that effect to 281 German Street Montreal

Principal Dawson
Montreal
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Yours Resp'fy
A. E. Orr
Cookshire
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