

Sir Wm Dawson
President McGill

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My dear Sir,

By request of the
Faculty of Medicine,
I beg to inform you as to the
present state of the Chair of
Anatomy in this University. It is
my wish as soon as possible
to give up this part of my
work, and if you feel inclined
to look forward to it, I think
you might desire the appointment,
though I am not in a position to
pledge the University to anything
in the matter. The fees of the
Medical class amount to about
\$200 and may increase; and I
wish as soon as possible to
have a definite salary at =

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tached to the lectures in
the Faculty of Arts, and
to have a Professorship created
embracing both Faculties.

It would be necessary
however that the Professor
& Lecturer should provide
for both Faculties, so soon
as a salary can be given,
and that the use of the Micro-
scope should be included in
his lectures. He should also
have some special proficiency in
the subject, to be attained by
the study of Structural Botany
(say in Germany, not in England
where it is unknown). and

by the study of Canadian and
economic Botany.

If you think it worth
your while to keep this
in view, in connection with
your general Professorial work,
or hold specialties in Physiology
or, as the Medical Faculty
might provide, I shall
be willing to do what
I can for you, and in the
mean time shall be glad
to learn your views as to
the matter.

My belief is that Botany

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Prof. Botany

Science holds out here
at present some good
chances of scientific repu-
tation, though in a pecuniary
point of view little can
be done except to make
it an avocation & other
work.

Very yours

W. Dawson

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