

Quebec 25th May 1868. -

My Lord Provost.

I have been informed by Dr Dawson, Principal of McGill College, Montreal, that he is a candidate for the Principalship of the University of Edinburgh. As the Head of a Collegiate Institution recently established in this city, by private munificence, and which is affiliated to McGill University, I have necessarily had frequent intercourse with Dr Dawson, and ample opportunity to judge, both of his general character, and his special fitness for discharging the duties of the important office, which he now holds, and I cannot express too strongly, the impression I have derived from all I have seen of him, of his excellent sense, his sound judgment, his amiable temper, his capacity for the management of business, his zeal in the cause of education, in all branches, and among all classes, and the earnest and enlightened interest he takes, in every work either of common or Christian benevolence. Of his great attainments in Natural Science, I have not the presumption to think, that my opinion would be of any value. His

eminency as a man of science, is, I believe, well known and
justly appreciated both in Europe and America. It is mar-
velous in my way to state, that his pursuit of science has never
diminished his devotion for Revelation, and that he called
to the Principal's Chair, in the University of Edinburgh,
he took little less his illustrious predecessor, wrote the
character of a Christian and a man of science.

I have the honor to be

My Lord Provost,

Your Ladshepi Obedient Servant

John Cook D.D.

Min. of St. Andrew's Church,

and

Principal of Morrin College, Quebec.

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The Right Honourable

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