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My Dear Dr Dawson

I purposed writing you soon; but spare moments are very scarce articles with me just now. We begin a new Academic year conscious of renewed vigour. Our Metaphysical chair has been worse than nominal, ever since I came here. Now at length we have got a really good man who will make it attractive & useful. Our Nat. Hist. Professor was abt. 65 when appointed. - and that says enough. We have youth & vigour all on the side of his successor; in addition to other good qualities. As far as the future of our own College & University are concerned, I regarded the filling up of those chairs with much greater anxiety

than anything beyond.

Nevertheless I am thoroughly alive to the grave importance of this question of Presbyterian Union, embracing a secular denominational college. I fear it will be carried; but I cannot regard it as otherwise than detrimental to the best interests of higher education in Canada. It may not be much felt in our day; but its ultimate results both on Church & college must be mischievous. I regard the education of the clergy of our Episcopal Church in their own denominational colleges, as our great source of our weakness. I enclose a letter wh. I sent to the Globe.

If it has not already  
attracted your notice you  
may perhaps approve of the  
attempt to bring the discussion  
back to the real issues, and  
will not object to the compli-  
mentary allusions to Victorian  
degrees in Law & Medicine.

It often strikes me that  
clerical bodies can be got to do  
unblushingly what no lay  
assembly outside of a civic  
corporation could be induced to  
perpetrate. The Methodist divines  
& rulers of Victoria College have  
from first to last pursued a course  
wh. clearly says: the end, viz. our  
denominational supremacy, —  
justifies all means!

Many thanks for your Ladies'  
Inaugural Address. I congratulate  
you heartily on your success;

and hope it will last.

Give my kindest greetings to Mr. Dawson and say that I intended to have written to him with Mr. Wilson's photograph; but found myself at the last so pressed for time that I had to send it as I did. So I feel doubly grateful for his kind return, in the letter of today to Mr. Wilson in acknowledgment of it.

Miss Anna is doubtless drinking in the stores of higher learning now at her command; and preparing the way for her share in the Synecracy of the future. Give her my warmest wishes for all success.

Yours faithfully

Dan. Wilson

P.S. Do not mention my name in connection with Bradley.

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