

The Epitaph referred to in the  
accompanying letter is this

In the Spring of 1857. I find myself an orphan  
with no means. Convalescing from a Sickness  
of several months duration.

A Sickness which left me more dependent upon  
the Charity of the World than a mere orphan  
for in March 1857 I found myself unfit  
for a Trade at which I had served three years  
apprenticeship in "Mechanical Engineering"  
and in which I was beginning to excel.

The use of my right Arm for all Trade  
purposes was gone and indeed for any  
purpose for nearly a year after the above date  
it being carried in a sling for almost all that  
period, and I had begun to learn to write with  
my left hand, but thanks to my <sup>esteemed</sup> Medical Advisor  
Dr. Howard he had carefully studied my posture  
and placed the arm in such a position that it  
would be of service. I began to receive it and  
realized the welcome fact that I could at  
least write, but this was after I had entered  
the Model School my age at that time was



15 years which reveals the fact that I had  
gone to the trade I had chosen at 12  
years of age

Kind friends of ~~mine~~ <sup>whom</sup> I would  
mention are Warden King Esq of this City  
who more especially conduced with procuring  
my entrance into the Model School  
and he together with Charles Paton and  
Mr W. Gregor in assisting me while there  
with the help of them and others I was  
shown a way of acquiring a livelihood by  
means of Education

In July 1858. I graduated in the Model  
School taking out of fourteen possible  
Prizes twelve 1<sup>st</sup> and two 2<sup>d</sup>

In July 1859 I graduated in the junior Division  
of the McNeill Normal School standing  
(8<sup>th</sup>) sixth in the class

In December 1859 I obtained the Mastership  
of the English School in the town of Craighall  
and taught almost three years leaving  
in July 1862 of my own accord to go into  
mercantile life. saying "I must confess  
small chance of much success attendant  
upon a term of life as a Country Schoolmaster  
my salary during the three years being £6 per Annum



In July 1862 I obtained a clerkship in a Book-  
store in the town of Belleville, C.W.

In Dec 1862 I engaged with a firm in Toronto  
who had arranged for a special Edition of  
the "London Illustrated News" to be called the  
"Canadian Edition" it only issued four  
numbers the scheme was a failure

In Oct 1863 I moved to New York, U.S.  
) obtained a position in the Publishing  
House of J.W. Strong and was  
in two years second to the Manager  
of that firm. leaving of my own accord

In 1867 to come back to Montreal a city  
for which I have much attachment  
entered the employ of Auguste Rogan & Co  
Paper Manufacturers as Book Keeper  
and Cashier and

In 1870 after studying the Mechanism  
of Paper & Paper Making Machinery for  
upwards of two years. I embarked in  
what has been a most successful  
enterprise thus far, such as a sketch  
of the life of one who attributes all the  
advancements perceptible to a well grounded  
primary education in the McGill Model School



To the  
Rev. Mr. [unclear]  
[unclear]

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