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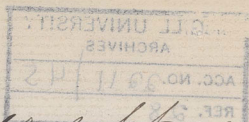
Dear Dr. Lawson

An application has been made to Princeton for the degree of D.D. for Rev. G. Patterson our Moderator. I had nothing to do with the getting up of the application though I do think him worthy for whom the degree is solicited. The subject comes up for consideration at the next meeting of the Synod.

It appears that they are becoming very careful in the granting of such applications now at Princeton and I have been requested to ask your cooperation in so far as you feel at liberty to act in the matter.

The signatures to the paper <sup>sent in</sup> contain some of the more prominent members of our Synod

the application is in favor of Rev. G. Patterson. who is an accomplished theologian.



a sufficient number as to suppress  
to represent fairly the estimation  
on which Mr Patterson is held  
Of course a Copy of each of his  
works has been forwarded What  
we desiderate now is a letter from  
yourself to Dr W. C. Cosh which you  
could give your own impressions  
of Mr Pattersons Character talents  
and attainments as a Scholar

We think you might consistently  
do this as you dont yourself grant  
the degree of D.D. Of course you  
are the best judge and must  
do what you think right in the premises

The persons who have opposed  
in the matter think that his prospects  
are fair, unless any such paper, but  
they think that if you would comply  
with this request that the thing will  
be as good as "done"

For myself I did not know in getting  
this application up, but seeing that  
it has been made I do not  
wish it to fail as George has I  
am free to admit a few enemies  
who would not shed many  
tears if such an application  
came to grief.

I gave my Duncan a note of introduction  
to you last two weeks ago. Probably he  
did not present it as he was only a  
short time in Montreal. Yet were  
known to seek you out for the  
sake of the College as well as to see  
its President.

His Science Course at Edin-  
burgh University was very successful  
Instead of resting at its close he  
went directly on to prepare for  
his London Examination, which  
made 9 months of uninterrupted (and  
hard) study. So much for about

three weeks before the Examinations his pulse  
shewed an affection of the nervous system  
sufficient to cause Dr Parker to advise him  
not to enter the Competition, but he summed  
this has been a great disappointment to him  
and to us all

James Gordon has actually been  
killed on Erromanga, this is awful news.  
He was ministering in a sick family or  
rather had just come to the hut when it  
was found that two <sup>had</sup> died. The father charged  
him with killing them, by witchcraft  
and killed him on the spot. Awful!  
Help Lord for the guilty perishes!

I have just heard that all the Pres-  
byterians, Peter, have left Dr Payne & some Dr  
Chisock, in consequence of the introduction  
of some new kind of union at the Sacrament  
table against which change Dr P. has  
taken his stand. I don't know that lamentable  
I wonder whether a few lines from yourself  
might not do some good to induce a  
reconsideration before the breach becomes  
too wide to be healed

Yours truly  
J. M. Green