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Queen's College  
King's College

14 Dec. 1875

My dear Principal,

I send you herewith a copy of a Provisional Programme prepared by the Scotch Committee of the London Conference of delegates from Presbyterian Churches, in view of the first meeting of the Presbyterian Council to be held at Edinburgh in July next.

Is there any prospect of your being in Britain next summer, and of your being able to attend the Council? If so can you undertake to

address the Council or  
a public meeting under  
the auspices of the Council,  
or prepare a Paper on  
some topic under one of  
the general heads given  
in the Programme.

Professor Blairkie writing  
in behalf of the Scotch Com-  
mittee expresses the hope  
that you may be able to  
attend the Council.

It may be proper for me  
to state that the Council  
is to consist of "delegates  
being ministers and elders".  
I and some others advocated  
as best we could the sub-  
stitution of "laymen" for  
elders, to be followed by the



words "appointed by the  
Churches forming the alli-  
ance" - but failed to secure  
a majority of votes in favour  
of our view. The Constitution,  
however, provides that the  
Council may, on the recom-  
mendation of a Committee on  
Business, invite Presbyterian  
brethren not delegates, to offer  
suggestions, deliver addresses  
and read papers. I men-  
tion these particulars because  
I do not know whether  
or not you are an Elder. If  
you are an Elder I shall be  
delighted to have your per-  
mission to recommend  
through the Canadian Com-  
mittee, the General Assem-  
bly to appoint you as one

of its delegates to the  
first meeting of the Council.

Hoping to hear from you  
at your convenience

I remain

Yours faithfully

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