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My Dear Dr Dawson

The Ottawa Science Mastership  
has been filled, by the appointment  
of Dr G. Bapstie, Prof. of Chemistry  
in the Agricultural College here.

The uncertainty as to whether  
Mr George would accept the  
appointment prevented me  
all along pressing his  
claim with the urgency  
that I would otherwise  
have done: as I should  
have found myself in a very

awkward dilemma if, after  
my pressing his appointment  
he had refused the post.

There is no doubt that  
he was the best man named  
for it. But local and  
political elements are apt  
to mingle with the legitimate  
elements of choice even in  
a Science Mastership.  
Nevertheless I think I  
might have been success-  
-ful. My only comfort  
now is that the post  
is by no means such  
a one as the Science

may reasonably regard as  
the prize he should  
aspire to.

If anything better  
offers I shall give you  
early notice; though from  
what you tell me, a  
roving life would seem  
at present to offer the greatest  
attractions.

Yours faithfully

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Principal

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