

Knowlton, 5 April
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My dear Principal,

Your note, by its favor, gives me an unpleasant notion of how you thought. But we shall get through it all. What most grieves me is, that I see no hope of now getting in for this coming week. Between effect of my Watuloo term (while I had a most filthy non-ventilated room to suffer martyrdom in) & the horrid weather all this week, I have been just laid up doing nothing. Several matters of extreme domestic importance require me here now, for next week. And I hear from Judge Kanakas, ^{with} whom I have important public business, that he won't be in town. I see no hope of getting in, till after the second bush term; i.e. about the 21st or 22d.

Principal Dawson?
F.R.S.

I cannot tell you how this
wories me. Nor can I know
do more than write this here
line.

I will write again more
at length in the course of a
few days.

After all, supposing we are
in a bit of a mess, what is
all that to the hoisted mess every-
thing around us seems to be
in, or getting into! From Af-
ghanistan, Burma, Zululand
French Canadian fairs, Kniff, &c.
down to Railways, Bridges &
everything else. Yet, I have
so often seen the Canadian
sky lower & clear again, that
I can't feel all gloom. Some-
times I sigh over the not being
a younger man. But after
all, none of us is needed, -
save only in so far as each
ought to what he can, whether
otherwise needed or not.

In haste,
Yours most truly
A. W.

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