

117, Bloor St.

Toronto.

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My Dear Dr Dawson

I have delayed answering your most kind invitation to the Banquet on the evening of April 2^d from the difficulties that belet me. I greatly value your kindness in including me among your guests. With some 1200 graduates, it requires your large heart to think of any outsiders.

I have laid it down as a rule, to which I have thus far invariably adhered, never to allow any temptation, however strong, to interfere with my daily College duties. But for once I am strongly induced to make an exception; and if I possibly can, I shall be with you on the 2^d April. But matters here are in a wretched condition, - with worse than no head, - and I have a kind of undefined, irritating, responsibility thrown upon me which

makes it very difficult for me to
make any arrangements so far
ahead. We are no nearer any
settlement of College matters than
we were months ago, and are
meanwhile accumulating cares
for the new head, whoever he may
be, that will render his office no
sincere.

If you will allow me, I shall
write you more definitely near
the date named. But my full
purpose is to be present.

Pardon a very hasty line,
with all kindest remembrances
to Mrs. Dawson, & the Home
circle Yours faithfully
Daw. Torrey

J. Dawson

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