

Wolfville, Nova Scotia
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Dear Sir

I feel very much indebted to you for the kindly interest which you have always taken in my welfare. I should not have troubled you at this time, if things were as pleasant as I think I have a right to expect they ought to be here. When I came here, I found few things to carry on the class-work with, & the apparatus mostly in a dirty, rusty condition, & so far as the arrangement of rocks, minerals &c. they were in a mixed up condition. By hard work & with no assistant I have succeeded in arranging the Science Department so that work can go, something like what it ought to. Before the fire, I persuaded the Governors to insure the specimens in the Museum - as there was

is a little better, & there's than mine here, still our classes are four or five times so large & there seemed to be a better opportunity of working up the position to a much more prominent one than it is at present & also about a year ago I brought my present home adjoining the College grounds, & taking all things into consideration, I could not see any reason which could prevent my being successful in the future more than in the past. So far as my ability is concerned, all admit that I am well posted in my branches & the only fault at any time found with me, was that I adopted too much the McGill, & Scotch College method of lecturing, rather than confining myself to the experienced opinions of the books which I had selected for the classes - The recitation system is largely adopted by the other professors, & ~~the~~ some think I ought to confine myself to the opinions of the text book alone -

no insurance when I came here. At the burning of our old college building, I exerted myself trying to save as much of the apparatus &c as I could, & only left the building four or five minutes before the gable end of fell out, & the ceiling of my class room fell in. In every possible way, I have worked for the interests of the college, & things are in a much better condition than they have ever been. Still with all that I have done, I have left undone ~~one~~ thing, which I have only lately learnt to be equal - more than equal - to anything else, & that *is I have not become a Baptist = a Christian. Had I known that such unkindness would have been shown me, when I got my child christened last march, I would have applied for the position now held by Dr Spencer, to which position I have every reason to believe, I would have been appointed, had I chosen to apply, as several of my Episcopalian friends told me, they thought I was pleased with present post.

I did not apply for several reasons, among them I may mention, that while the salary in King's college

I would have written again before this, but I wished to hear from Dr. Grant to whom I had written - His reply stated several things that the salary was only \$1750.00 per annum & ^{the best} was at present only a subordinate one & intended to be raised to a full professorship when means were provided, of course I should not think of moving from here under these circumstances. Dr. Spencer - from whom I got the information about the position - said he thought the salary was at least double the above -

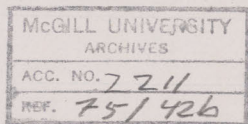
I feel really sorry that my future progress here will be more or less hampered by bigotry on the part of some of the supporters of the college, & of course ^{this} cannot but lessen my energy on behalf of the college -

Here I am expected to carry on class-work in Geology, Mineralogy, Chemistry, & Physics, & any other study as time may permit, included under the term Science, in these branches I am expected & I think I can say honestly that I have done as much as is required in Baltimore, Kings, or Sachville - but I would much prefer to confine my attention to fewer branches, & more of in these - I hope that

things will improve here, or that a more congenial position may come to lot -
Again thanking you for your continued kindness
I beg to remain

Sincerely yours
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