

Huntingdon, Quebec,  
26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1881.

Dr John W. Dawson,  
Principal of McGill University.

My Dear Sir,

I am sure you will  
be pleased with the liberty I take  
to mention to you a fact  
which came to my knowledge  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst. when I arrived  
at London, Ontario, to attend  
the funeral of my Dear Son,  
Alfred James Watson, who  
had come by his death thro'  
a fall from the steep & deceptive  
bank of the Niagara river on

The 7<sup>th</sup> September - last. He was  
a B. A. of McGill University. And  
this is the fact I feel inclined  
to mention to you, viz., that  
he had made considerable  
progress in composing an Essay  
on "Commerce", with a view  
to his applying soon for the  
degree of M. A.

I need not inform you that I feel  
very keenly the stroke of God which  
has fallen upon me; As a Christian  
parent, however, you will be pleased  
to hear that we parents of the dear  
deceased do not sorrow as those  
who have no hope.

I am, Dear Sir,  
yours very respectfully,  
James Watson.



Walter  
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