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My Dear Sir Williams

You are a happy man
with your Convocation over.
Here I write you, on the first
day of our examinations,
sitting in the University Hall,
presiding over a crowd of
nervous candidates, whose
work will not be over till
the 22nd of this month.

Thanks for the paper with
an account of your closing
proceedings. You have had a
troublesome year of it, I doubt not.

with the champions for
woman's rights doing their
best to wangle you into a
wrong move. There is a
strong reaction here, that
may perhaps help us to
follow your good example.

The ladies are moving
with a view to petitions
for a ladies college.
If they manage it will
good may come out of it.

Meanwhile our
University Confederation
movement gives us
much more trouble

and concern. In short it is
so much given to weak
compromises; that there
is great risk of upsetting
our non-denominational
system, after it has
worked so well for a
third of a century.

I have delayed
writing you, to see if
Mr Houston would
reply. But apparently
you have silenced him,
which is a marvel.
I thought he would
have the last word.

~~was~~ it only to swear
that black is white!

We shall meet, I
hope, at Ottawa.

Kindest greetings to
the Ladies, Young,
Younger, & Youngest.

Yours faithfully

Dau. Wilson