

Dartmouth N.S. Feb 24/86

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association of the Prov. Normal School of this province, to request you to lecture before our Alumni about the 15th of July, on what ever subject you may deem wise. It is felt, Sir, that you would be better fitted to fill the hearts of our teachers with enthusiasm for their work, the immediate object of the Alumni, than any of Nova Scotia's sons. We fully appreciate the work you have done for us in Nova Scotia, in the sphere in which we labour, and as Administrator of the Department that guides us.

We have seen your steady advancement in the world's rank of learned men, and have felt a thrill of pleasure at each step in advance, feeling that each honour bestowed, only partially reflected the influence on the teaching fraternity of our Dominion, and Nova Scotia in

particular. I am directed to lay before you
the Elevating influence such a lecture will
have on the teachers of this country.

Your presence among us will produce more
real earnest endeavour among our workers,
than any thing you may imagine. The
living presence, among three hundred of
our best teachers and hundreds more
of earnest co-workers, and sympathizers
of the greatest Nova Scotia today, in a sense
that influences our teachers cannot but
be productive of the greatest good.

I therefore request you to seriously consider
our proposal, in its truest aspect, the
good of our teachers. We cannot of course
remunerate you adequately for your labour,
which if undertaken will be one of love
for your native land. However we do not
wish you to be a financial loser, and I am
directed to say we can allow you one
Hundred dollars for your expenses.

Trusting you will view our proposal
favorably I am Sir

To Sir W. Rawson
Montreal.

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H. S. Longdon
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