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46 ST. GEORGE ST.,
TORONTO.

1st Feb. 1890

My Dear Sir William

The invitation to the
Combined University dinner
has just reached, me along
with your most kind invitation
that I should make it the
occasion of a visit of some
duration to your hospitable
home. I must leave Sybil
to respond to Lady Dawson's
part of the invitation; but
for myself the latter is
simply impossible. Until
this year, I have only once
broken through the rule
never to be absent for a
single day during term;
and that ~~was~~ when I
went to Montreal to take

part in the celebration of
your twenty fifth anniver-
-sary as president.

Under ordinary
circumstances I might
have taken the night
train, and been with
you on the 14th. but you
have unfortunately
selected the very day
of our Annual
Conversations; when
it is impossible for me
to be absent.

What the precise home
duties of a University
Principal are supposed
to be at Kingston I

cannot imagine; as
St. Grant seems to travel
over the Dominion
and beyond it without
let or hindrance.
Here I am expected to
be accessible at any
hour every day.

Will You kindly explain
to the gentlemen of your
invitation Committee
the unavoidable impediment
to my leaving
Toronto at the time
named.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Wilson