

Harvard University,  
Cambridge, March 3rd, 1896.

Dear Sir William,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your note of February 21st about Mr. Barnes. I will see that his case is carefully considered by our Committee on Fellowships and other Aids for Graduates.

I hope that Lady Dawson and you have enjoyed good health since we had the pleasure of seeing you in Montreal. I have attended six other college dinners since that at McGill University; but none more interesting.

We are beginning to think here that our winter is over, although the ground is white this morning. Your winter is more enduring; but I dare say quite as healthy on the whole. We have had very little sleighing here this year, and latterly rain instead of snow, so that freshets have been severe. Sometimes I think that the American climate is not as favorable to the human race as the European climate; but on the other hand <sup>ad</sup>verse climatic conditions are more and more successfully resisted through the progress of inventions. At any rate, it will take a good many centuries to prove what are the relative merits of the European and the American climates within the temperate zone.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Eliot

Sir J. William Dawson.

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