

Mrs. Mayes

Arden

October 27th 1880.

Dear Mrs. Dawson

I return you
many thanks for your kind
letter and for the gratifying
expressions it contains re-
specting my son. We all
felt deeply at parting with
him but we were reconciled
in some measure to the
parting by the knowledge
that in Principal Dawson

and others he would find
firm friends.

He enjoyed his visit home
immensely. His conviction
that he is in the right
place fortified him when
leaving us last month and
the assurance that he
is in the midst of so
many good dear friends
is a great comfort to us
at home. How truly a brother
can appreciate the services
of the ready "hearts and
hands" of which you

Speak, when she is be-
yond call, you can
well understand.

Let me assure you
that your kindness to
him is remembered
with gratitude by
dear Mrs. Dawson

Yours very sincerely
Mary A. Dwyer.