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43 Ste Famille Street,
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Dear Lady Dawson,

Although we were well aware that the call could not be long delayed we were not the less grieved to learn that dear Sir William had passed away. Our thoughts have been constantly with you and your family, and we hope that balm and rest - those blessed divine gifts - will bring you relief, and allow you to find comfort and happiness in the

love and society of your
children and grand children.

Many grateful thoughts
crowd my heart as I look
back. From the day I first
met Sir William, now forty
years ago, when I went
through the bleak fields in
which the solitary M^o Gill
building then stood, to
ask advice and help from
the kind Principal, in
matters connected with my
School, - to his latest visit
here after he had retired
from active work, he
showed himself most kind
to me. I always feel that
to his wise advice and
ready assistance, I owe

much of such little
professional success as
I had.

All Montreal mourns
him now, whose vacant
place no one can fill.
We would not have it
otherwise. Those who come
after him, must build on
the foundation he so well
and solidly laid. In the
material University which
we have all seen grow
under his fostering care,
and still more, in the
men and women whose
minds he has instructed,
and whose characters he
has influenced for good,
he has left a lasting memorial

of what one earnest devoted
unselfish man can do.
We who belong to his own
generation are glad to have
lived beside him, and
the students he has brought
up will venerate his memory
and speak of him to their
children's children as the
great and good man from
whom they had their best
thoughts.

Please accept my love
& the respectful sympathy
of my husband & nephew.

Believe me to remain
Dear Lady Dawson
Yours affectionately
Lucy Simpson