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Dear Lady Dawson

I beg to enclose herewith  
a copy of a Resolution  
passed by the Faculty of Arts

Yours very truly  
Alexander Johnson



McGill University,  
Montreal, Dec. 1st., 1899

We, the members of the Faculty of Arts, desire to place on record our profound sorrow at the death of the late Principal Sir William Dawson, with whom, not only as Principal, but also as Professor, we enjoyed a long and close association which brought impressively before us his many sterling qualities of heart and intellect, and his exceptional energy and devotion to the cause of higher education.

We recall with pleasure and pride, the great interest he took in the welfare of the Faculty, an interest emphatically expressed in his inaugural address in 1855, and continued to the end. Multifarious as was his activity in promoting the development of the University, the Faculty of Arts was his first care, being regarded by him as the centre of university life and progress. To its interests and growth, he consecrated his ripest experience and his untiring energy. We are sensible that through his unflagging interest and watchful care, extending over a period of nearly half a century, there was laid that deep and strong foundation upon which our present rapid progress is based. The success of his efforts to spread the influence of the Faculty widely, and to strengthen and multiply the ties by which it is connected with the community, was shown by the influx of students from all parts of the Dominion.

As a member of the Faculty, his fertility of resource, and his constant readiness to undertake additional tasks which fell to the ~~xxx~~ duty of no other officer, commanded the respect and admiration of his colleagues, while his never failing courtesy and consideration for others whose faults he was ever ready to excuse, have enshrined his memory in the



hearts of his associates.

In his relations to the students he exercised an affectionate and paternal interest which will be cherished with loving gratitude by all those who were brought under his influence.

The Faculty desires to express to Lady Dawson and the members of her family, its deep sympathy with them in the bereavement which they have suffered.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to Lady Dawson.

Signed on behalf of the Faculty

Alexander Johnson  
W. A. Peckham  
Frank D. Adams.