

LONDON, 8th October, 1885.

MY DEAR DR. HOWARD,—Please convey to the Faculty of McGill College my sincere regrets in not being able to accept their kind invitation for 22nd inst. I assure you that it would afford me very great pleasure could I be present on that auspicious occasion, for I have followed with a good deal of satisfaction and pride the advancement made by my Alma Mater, and now on receiving such a recognition, especially by the hand of the Dean, my own highly-honored and kindly-remembered preceptor, warms up afresh memories dear, and stirs within me a desire to meet you and my friends again. Having taken a deep interest in things medical, I do, indeed, feel it a very great disappointment in denying myself the privilege of being present in person to show how glad I am that you have provided such excellent facilities for the more thorough educational work in all medical branches. And now allow me the pleasure of congratulating you and your colleagues. Wishing you a very profitable and pleasant time on the 22nd, and wishing you God's speed in this noble work, praying that you yourself may be long spared in your honorable position,

Believe me yours very sincerely,

E. P. EDWARDS.

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MONTREAL, 15th October, 1885.

*Dr. R. P. Howard, Dean of the Medical Faculty, McGill University.*

MY DEAR DR. HOWARD,—I am sorry, indeed, that I shall not be able to attend the ceremonies at McGill College, as well as the proposed dinner at the Windsor in connection with them, on the 22nd inst., as I leave by the Cunard steamer on Saturday next for England.

I need scarcely express to you the satisfaction with which I, as a medical graduate, see the evidence of progress in connection with the medical department of McGill, and the success which attends the efforts of the earnest men connected with it to keep McGill medical teaching abreast of the best Universities in this country and abroad. I think the whole history of the Medical Faculty of McGill College is one of patient, untiring, successful effort, crowned with many instances of personal and professional sacrifice, and I rejoice in the conviction that the same spirit seems to actuate the coming men as fully as those upon whom more especially the heat and burthen of work now fall. I can only say that I honestly believe the Faculty over which you preside has fully realized and fairly carried out the spirit of the motto of the University, "Grandescunt ancta labore," and I am persuaded that in the future, as in the past, McGill medical teaching and training will be foremost, *facile princeps*.

Express my regrets to your colleagues for my unavoidable absence, and accept the assurance of my best wishes for the progress of the University in general and the Medical Faculty in particular.

Ever your obedient friend and pupil,

L. RUGGLES CHURCH.

Letters of regret were also received from Sir Chas. Tupper, Sir A. T. Galt, Principal Grant, Drs. Wright, Geikie and Daniel Clark of Toronto; Dr. Moore, the Dean of the Medical