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My dear Mac.:-

I have felt heartily ashamed of myself for some time because I neglected to answer the letter you wrote to me from the hospital, but I have been so infernally busy with the matters coming before the Quebec Church Property Commission, of which I am chairman, that I find myself far behind in my work. I am heartily sorry that I ever accept the Chairmanship. I should have known better than to attempt to straighten out the difficulties between the ..... Presbyterians and the ..... United Church. However, it is all over now and while I know the decisions will not satisfy every one, still they may form a basis of negotiation between the parties and in the end we will have been responsible for helping in some degree. I, of course, have little or not legal knowledge and so, instead of trying to act as a judge, I attempted merely to become the jury. Each side had very able counsel and my fellow Commissioners knew Church law and practices and the history of this dispute from beginning to end. I think it was just as well that I knew little law and had made little study of the Church Union question. Each side was always urging what it understood to be the agreements arrived at before legislation was effected, but I tried to rid my mind of everything except what the Act provided.

I am glad to know that you have fully recovered from whatever it was that afflicted you. I have heard different accounts. You, yourself, have told me that it was shingles, and I have never had any reason to question your veracity, but when I