December 18th, 1923. Dr. W.L.G.Williams. White Hall, Cornell University. Ithaca, New York. Dear Dr. Williams:-Your letter of December 14th addressed to Professor James Harkness has been handed to me for reply. You will be sorry to learn that Professor Harkness died suddenly early in the morning of December 10th. Naturally, his loss means that there is a vacancy in the Department of Mathematics at McGill. The present staff has arranged to carry on the work until the close of the term next May. We must, of course, provide an additional Professor to begin work when the University opens next Autumn. I give you the assurance that your application will receive the serious attention of the Committee dealing with the vacancy. I shall be very glad to receive from you any testimonials or other information which would help us come to a decision. Yours faithfully, Principal.