March Fifteenth 1923. Dr. H. S. Birkett. 252 Mountain Street, Montreal. My dear Dr. Birkett:-I am returning herewith Dr. MacNeill's letter. While I have every appreciation of Dr. Shepherd's ability and interest in the University, I think it would be wrong to encourage any impression that he may be chosen to succeed the late Sir Thomas Roddick. The fact that Dr. Shepherd has given up active participation in his own work is a factor militating against his appointment. McGill needs only the most active of Governors. You might point out to Dr. MacNeill that there are now serving on the Governing Board at least eleven graduates. Yours faithfully, Principal.