

Notify Dean Mackay
& Col. Bovey

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Brandon, Vermont
July 1, 1929

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Your letter of Thursday June 27th arrived today and has given me great pleasure. I am entirely satisfied with the conditions of my appointment to the Chair of Moral Philosophy, with the rank of Professor and initial salary of \$5,500.00 per annum, to begin September 1st 1929. From your conversation I understand that you wish me to assume the responsibility of being Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, and this I should be happy to undertake. And I understand, further, that I should do nothing in that capacity without consulting first with the Dean of the Faculty of Arts who is my colleague, and as Dean, 'superior.' This it will be more of a pleasure than a duty to do. I hope I have understood you aright.

There is, perhaps, a slight mistake in your letter of notification to me, when you speak of the Fotheringham Chair of Moral Philosophy. According to the Announcement of McGill College, this Chair is named after Macdonald. Am I right in this?

It is necessary to make a very great number of arrangements in view of my change of residence and University. In my letters to friends and to business concerns I have been careful to state that the appointment is not yet official and awaits action by the Board of Governors, so that there cannot be any premature publicity.

I appreciate very much the interest of the Appointments Committee in the matter of an Assistant who will cooperate ably with me as well as the Dean toward making the Department of Philosophy a worthy part of the institution. As soon as the man is selected and notified, I should like to know his name and address so that we can prepare by correspondence for our coming work together.