

The Roxborough,
Ottawa, January 8, 1919

Mr. John J. Arnold,
The First National Bank,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Arnold:

Your letter of the 4th instant, addressed in care of the Rockefeller Foundation, has just been received.

I wish it were possible to alter the nature of the acknowledgment sent you yesterday, of the telegram which I received at noon. When I see you in Chicago, I shall be better able to explain why it has been impossible for me to send an acceptance to the kind invitation you have extended, or do more than hint at a possible delay in the date of my leaving for England. I value so much the generous expression of your letter and message that I cannot regret too deeply it is not possible for me to send a definite acceptance.

Looking forward with much pleasure to meeting you in the course of a few days, and regretting the delay in the receipt of your letter, I am,

Yours very sincerely,