

December 18th, 1923.

Dr. Livingston Farrand,
President, Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

My dear Dr. Farrand:-

I am to-day in receipt of a letter from Mr. W.L.G. Williams, of the Department of Mathematics of Cornell University, who asks that his name be considered for any vacancy in the Department of Mathematics at this University.

Perhaps you know that on the morning of December 10th last Dr. James Harkness, Head of our Mathematics Department, died very suddenly. The present staff has arranged to take over his work until the end of the session next May. We, of course, must make an addition to the staff and whoever we appoint must be prepared to begin next Autumn.

Will you please send me an appreciation of Mr. Williams, with particular reference to his teaching ability, his future prospects, his influence on the student-body, and his relations with his associates. Any information about his personal qualities, his wife (if he is married) will be much appreciated.

Martin leaves tonight to spend Christmas in Victoria, B.C. Lucky dog to get away for a few weeks from the snow and ice of Montreal.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am,

Yours faithfully,