

after you have been so long contemplating them from afar.

I did not know that word of the Edinburgh offer had got into the Times from this side, ~~for~~ and am afraid that Sir Alfred Ewing will be a bit displeased, but I wrote him that it came to our papers from Edinburgh & that I tried to keep it out.

It was a great honour of course - the greatest that could ever be paid me - to <sup>be asked to</sup> go back to one's old alma mater: but at any time of life that was out of the question & I merely can cherish gratitude to those who invited me, & to you & others who are kind enough to say that you are glad I am to remain in Canada. Certainly I am happy to spend the rest of my days in my own home land.