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Oxford, England.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge and to thank
you for your letter of November 9th.

I hasten to assure you that Professor
H. A. Smith of McGill appeared at all formal
functions, such as Processions, Convocation and
official dinners, as the representative of Oxford
University. It is only right to say that for some
time an impression did prevail that Oxford was not
represented. This arose from the fact that no
reply was received from Oxford University to the
invitation forwarded by our Registrar in the name
of McGill University.

A few days before the ceremonies
began Professor Smith telephoned to the Registrar's
Department and informed them that he had been asked
to act as the official representative of Oxford,
but as no formal reply had been received from Oxford
there was nothing on file. I confess that until
your letter arrived I was under the impression that
Oxford had not been represented. From every other
University invited a reply had been received by the
Registrar stating whether the invitation was
accepted, or otherwise, and giving the name of the
representative and some formal expression of good
wishes.