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My dear Doctor Thornton:

I duly received yours of the 2nd instant relating to the suggestion I made last May that a Degree should be given to Mr. Bond in connection with his services to the Faculty of Dentistry.

I am afraid it is only too plain from your letter that you must have mislaid my letter of the 20th May. I did not, of course, for a moment suggest that he should be awarded the Degree of B.C.L. to which you refer in your letter, because Mr. Bond took the Degree of B.C.L. with first rank honours in 1897 at McGill. He would not therefore desire to have it reconferred. He also took his Degree of B.A. at McGill in 1894, and is therefore amply provided in this respect. - What I did suggest was, that he should be given the Degree of D.C.L., in course, as proceeding from the Degree of B.C.L. I suggested that inasmuch as he had the Degree of B.C.L. with honours, his lectures in the Dental Faculty in Dental Jurisprudence might be accepted in lieu of the thesis, and the Degree awarded not as an honorary Degree but, as above mentioned, "in course". This has been done in the case of other Lecturers in the University, and I suggested it in view of the fact that when the Faculty was first organized as a Department I persuaded him to give the prescribed course of Lectures, - which he did for several years without remuneration of any kind. Of recent years I understand he has received a modest stipend.

The time seems opportune to make the suggestion, inasmuch as Mr. Bond has recently been appointed Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Montreal by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, which gives me all the more reason to think that it would be peculiarly acceptable.

Yours very truly,

