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Ottawa, 20th November, 1919

My dear Doctor Godfrey,

It is exceedingly kind of you to think of inviting me to be one of the speakers at the celebration of Founder's Day at the Drexel Institute.

Nothing would give me more pleasure than to accept the invitation you have extended me, were I free to do so. Unfortunately the number of my political engagements in Canada is already such, that I cannot hope to get away for some months to come.

Oddly enough, only a short time before your letter was received, I had definitely fixed on December 17th as the date on which I would accept a banquet being given me by the constituency of North York, the riding which I contested for Parliament unsuccessfully in 1917, and which I hope to contest again at some subsequent election.

My regret at being unable to accept the invitation you have so kindly extended is the greater in that I am so heartily in accord with your desire to further in every possible way the bonds of amity between our countries.

Allow me to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of the monograph containing your speech on the Drexel idea. I look forward to an early perusal with the utmost interest.

Yours very sincerely,

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