

December 9th, 1924.

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My dear Mac:-

Replying to your letter of December 5th let me assure you that I shall do my best to secure for you the Presidency of Western University at London. I do not know whether I can or not, as the matter is not mine to decide, but I can do what I have already done and that is, to recommend you as kindly as possible.

You will remember when you spoke to me last Spring about your name being suggested for the post I was not particularly enthusiastic. What was in my mind then was that, as you had so thoroughly earned a rest and as the building up and successful administration of a university is no light task, I thought for your own sake it would be best for you not to take on the additional work. Evidently you have thought the matter over and are willing to continue in harness. I am again writing to Mr. Little, the President of the Board.

Thanks very much for the Review of the work of the R.M.C. from 1919 to 1924. I have taken it home to read carefully and critically. If I have any suggestions to make I hope you will not mind my writing to you about them.

With kindest wishes to Lady Macdonell, Miss Alison and yourself, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,