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My dear Sir Arthur:

On the evening of October 20th, at the Sixty-eighth Convocation of The University of the State of New York, I had the pleasure and privilege, as President of The University and by direction of the Board of Regents, of conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon His Excellency Paul Claudel, French Ambassador to the United States, and upon The Right Honorable R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of the Dominion of Canada.

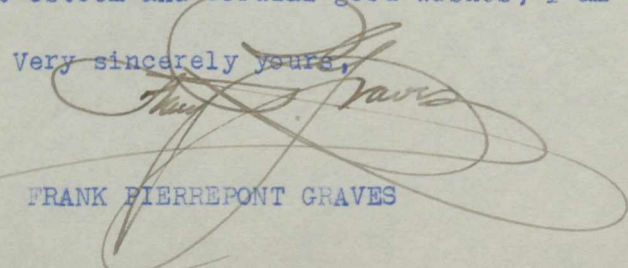
In paying tribute to these eminent representatives of sister nations, the Regents feel that they have upheld the fine traditions of the past and have added worthy members to that small group of men of distinction upon whom the highest gift in their power has been bestowed. In addition to yourself, the living members of that small circle are The Honorable Elihu Root, Doctor John Huston Finley, former Ambassador Vittorio Rolandi Ricci, the Honorable John Bassett Moore, the Honorable Charles Evans Hughes, the Honorable Frank Harris Hiscock, the Honorable Owen D. Young, President Nicholas Murray Butler, President Abbott Lawrence Lowell, Chancellor Elmer Ellsworth Brown, Doctor William Henry Welch, and the Honorable Ray Lyman Wilbur.

I am sure that a word of welcome from you to Ambassador Claudel and Prime Minister Bennett would be appreciated by them.

I regret to state that, while the year 1932 marks the addition of a French Ambassador to the list of honorary alumni of The University of the State of New York, it has seen the passing of another, - the late Ambassador Jean Jules Jusserand. It may interest you to see the enclosed copy of action taken in connection with the death of Ambassador Jusserand at the September meeting of the Board of Regents, at which time, in my absence, Deputy Commissioner Cole was Acting President.

With highest esteem and cordial good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
FRANK PIERREPONT GRAVES

To  
Sir Arthur William Currie