

May 28th, 1930.

Mr. J. P. Chamberlain,
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New York. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain, -

I have your letter of yesterday reminding me of the meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Relations of the Social Science Research Council next Saturday morning.

It is a great disappointment to me, but I cannot go, and I want to explain to you the reasons. Our Convocation proceedings end on Thursday, but there is a meeting of the Council of Public Instruction of the Province of Quebec on Friday at Sherbrooke, Que. Matters of great concern to this University are coming up for discussion and I feel my first duty involves my attendance at that meeting. Another minor reason is that we are quarantined at our house for Scarlet Fever and I know your Immigration authorities might ask me to make a declaration that I had not been exposed to a contagious disease for some time. I could honestly make that declaration, but one never knows - somebody might say that I had falsely declared.

I am very sorry about this, but it cannot be helped this time.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.