

Sunday, March 25th, 1923.

Dined with the Zeta Beta Tau Society, a Jewish Fraternity. Was very much struck by the facility of expression of the students and ex-students who spoke. It would be interesting to find out their academic standing.

Monday, March 26th, 1923.

Dean Laing told me of the definite offer he had received from the Chicago people. They offered to make him Dean of the Graduate School, which they say is now, or at least will very shortly become, the greatest Graduate School in America. His teaching hours per week would be but four, while he would be consulted freely in the development of the University policy. I pointed out to him that next year he would be Vice-Principal of this University and Dean of our Graduate School and that I believed there was a present opportunity of his influencing Canadian education, an influence which would be greater than that which he could bring to bear as head of the Graduate School in Chicago. I told him that as a Canadian he ought to consider that side of the question. That if he returned to America now he was lost to Canadian education for good. I also impressed upon him the place he had won in the University and in the city. Apparently there are no temptations in the way of salary offered to him, but I gathered that Mrs. Laing is very homesick for Chicago.

Dr. Hickson also informed me to-day that he could no longer work under Dr. Caldwell and if Caldwell returned to the University he asked that his resignation be accepted. Professor Williams also informed me of a plan he had to get the help of Terry MacDermot, who next September comes to the staff of Lower Canada College.

Thursday, March 29th, 1923.

Accompanied Mr. Beatty to Ottawa and saw Mr. Fielding re exemption from taxation of that portion of income used for benevolent purposes. We were joined by