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of teaching Mathematics are soundly conservative. He has had a long experience teaching undergraduate branches of Mathematics in Johns Hopkins, Cornell, Dalhousie and McGill, and he has published a number of mathematical books which have been extensively used in the universities for the last twenty years. I am inclined to think that the sound teaching of undergraduate Mathematics is his particular metier. Of his achievements in advanced modern Mathematics I know nothing at all.

I also hesitate to recommend that Prof. Sullivan be advanced just at present to the premier Chair of Mathematics at McGill, the Redpath Chair of Pure Mathematics, and I have no doubt that the same decision is equally just <sup>to</sup> of Prof. Gillson's claims to this appointment.

I am fully aware of the very close relationship between the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Physics, but I cannot see that that is any reason why the Department of Mathematics should be charged with any obligation to teach Mathematical Physics. Where the application of Mathematics to any other science is necessary the obligation seems to me to logically fall upon the scientific department making the application and not upon the Department of Mathematics itself. In any case I am very clear that we could not possibly appoint a mathematical physicist to the Redpath Chair of Pure Mathematics. To do so would in some measure at least, it seems to me, involve a distinct breach of trust.

I understand that the two halves of this Department