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John M. Thomas, Esq.,
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Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 1st, in which you inform me that the Trustees of Middlebury College have done me the honour of offering to confer upon me the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at your Commencement Exercises, to be held June 20th, 1921.

Will you please convey to the Trustees my deep appreciation of the proffered distinction, and say to them that I regret exceedingly that it will not be possible for me to be with you on the date mentioned.

It is my intention to attend the Conference of the Universities of the British Empire, to be held in England during the first week in July. For two weeks previous to the opening of the Conference the delegates will visit different Universities in the British Isles. That means that I must leave Canada before June 20th. For this reason I cannot be with you on that date. It would be a pleasure and an honour to participate in the Commencement Exercises.

I heartily reciprocate your desire to strengthen the ties between your College and this University and, perhaps, on some future occasion you may feel disposed to repeat the invitation, when it will give me great pleasure to accept if at all possible.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.