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think the Hospital are influencing him to demand a full professorship or nothing. I do not like these guns being held at your head and will not submit. What we are fighting for is worth a fight, namely, the right of the University to select its own teaching staff. Gray has a wonderful opportunity to prove what a really big man can do in a delicate situation, but so far he shows no inclination to serve the University, apparently caring more for rank than for the opportunity for service. My army experience taught me that such men are not helpful. However, I have hope that he may yet see the proper way and that in the end his coming may result in good.

I have spent a very quiet summer in Montreal. The weather has been really delightful and the past week exceptionally cool. Golf has steadily improved, although every now and then I get a score which keeps me humble. The best I have been able to do is 91, though I have hopes that before the season is over I may yet break into the charmed circle of the eighties.

Marjorie has been away most of the summer, first with friends in one place and then with others elsewhere. She has been enjoying herself immensely. The boy underwent an operation on his ankle early in July and has consequently spent a very quiet vacation. My wife and my sister are keeping me company here, but we all expect to go away for a couple of weeks at the beginning of September.

Reverting to University matters, I shall have a vacancy in the Department of Philosophy during the coming winter and would appreciate greatly any help you can give in finding a suitable young man - someone of the Mitchell type. I was greatly attracted to him, but for the junior position in Economics we decided to take one of our own young men who has been at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar.