

Replies received from Universities regarding the Bicentenary Celebrations at the University of Göttingen

Birmingham In reply to your letter of February 25th I can say that we discussed the question of the invitation of Goettingen at the terminal meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of the Civic Universities, at Leeds, last Saturday and, with the exception of Liverpool, the Vice-Chancellor of which was prevented from attending by influenza, we unanimously agreed that we would recommend to our Universities that we should neither be represented nor send an address but simply a polite indication that we did not see our way to being represented at the Celebrations. I had been informed, prior to the meeting, by Professor A.V. Hill, that the Council of the Royal Society had decided not to be represented but to send a short address only, of a very non-committal character. From the information before us, it was quite clear that the celebrations at Goettingen are very much of the same kind as those at Heidelberg. This, I think, gives you the information you require.

Durham In reply to yours of the 25th inst. my view is that the Senate would not desire to accept an invitation to send a Delegate or to send an Address in the case of the University of Göttingen.

Leeds I have your letter of 25th February with the enclosed resolution of the Senate of Cambridge University. We shall not send a delegate from this University to the celebrations at Göttingen, nor shall we join with any University proposing to do so. I do not think in the circumstances it would be desirable to send an Address; but I must first of all obtain the opinion of our Senate on the matter.

With reference to my letter of 25th February in connection with the Bicentenary of Göttingen University, the Senate at its meeting today decided that it would not send a delegate or an Address.

Manchester Regarding the invitation to the bicentenary celebrations of the University of Göttingen, we considered this at the meeting last Saturday of the small Committee of Vice-Chancellors. The general view was that we should not send a delegate nor an address, but that an appropriate letter would meet the case. Speaking for myself I rather regret this as I would prefer to send a short address on this occasion, but I do not wish to depart from the procedure adopted by the majority. I shall be glad to have any further information. I understand that the Royal Society is not sending an address.

Oxford Council discussed the matter of Goettingen last Monday and decided to postpone the question until next week. I will let you know when we have made up our minds.

*See Supplement*

Reading I write in reply to your circular letter of the 25th February about invitations to the bicentenary celebrations of the University of Göttingen. At a meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of the Combined Universities' Constituency held at Leeds on February 20th the opinion was expressed unanimously that the Universities of the Constituency would not accept the invitation from Göttingen. Here in Reading the Senate decided a few days later not to accept, but the general question of future invitations from German Universities was not discussed in any way.