THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AND COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION ALBANY October 26, 1925 My dear Sir Arthur: On the evening of October sixteenth, at the Sixty-first Convocation of The University of the State of New York, I had the great pleasure and privilege, as President of the University and by direction of the Board of Regents, of conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Charles Doclittle Walcott, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. In paying tribute to this eminent scientist, the Regents feel that they have upheld the fine traditions of the past and have added a worthy member to that small group of living men of distinction upon whom the highest gift of The University of the State of New York has been bestowed. It gives me great pleasure to announce to you that Doctor Walcott thus becomes the twelfth member of that little circle consisting of yourself, the Honorable Elihu Root, Doctor Thomas A. Edison, former Ambassador Jean Jules Jusserand, His Eminence Cardinal Mercier, the Honorable Robert Lansing, Doctor John Huston Finley, former Ambassador Vittorio Rolandi Ricci, the Honorable John Bassett Moore, the Honorable Charles Evans Hughes, and Doctor Charles William Eliot. I am sure that a word of welcome to Doctor Walcott from you and the other adopted sons of The University of the State of New York would be appreciated by him. With highest esteem and cordial good wishes, I am Very sincerely yours PIERREPON Sir Arthur William Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. McGill University Montreal, Canada