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My dear President Cody,

I am in receipt of a letter from H.A.L. Fisher, Warden of New College, to which was attached a summary of the scheme to write a History of the Parliaments of Great Britain and Ireland. From Fisher's letter, I gather that the sponsors of this scheme hope that Toronto and McGill between them may undertake the necessary work for the period 1832-64. He also tells me that John Buchan has undertaken to write to Toronto about the matter.

Frankly, I have not been very much impressed by this scheme, especially at the present time, when our History staff has been weakened by the loss of Waugh, whom I have not been able to replace yet. I should say that most of the research work would have to be done in the Old Country. Some member of the History staff might be disposed to undertake it if he were allowed his travelling and living expenses to spend two or three months in England each year. I have not been able as yet to take it up with the History Department, as none of the members are here at present.

Him Shotwell of New York spent last evening with me, and told me of his ability to go ahead at once with his study of Canadian-American relations, the historical part of which, he said, would be supervised by Chester Martin.

With all kind wishes,

I am,
Ever yours faithfully,

Hon. and Rev. H.J. Cody, LL.D., D.D.,
President, Toronto University.

Principal.