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Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
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My dear Sir Robert:-

Thank you very much for your telegram of sympathy with reference to the death of Dr. Harkness.

It came as a very great shock to us all. I sat with him in a Faculty of Arts meeting on Friday at four o'clock, when he seemed in his usual health. I learned that lately he has been complaining about a pain in his chest and has suffered somewhat from dizziness, although I was not aware of this condition, nor do I think was his wife who told me that all he complained of was what he considered to be indigestion. Shortly after midnight on Friday he told his wife he did not feel quite well and thought he would get up and walk about a bit. She heard him go to the bathroom and a little later feeling that everything was very quiet she went and called to him, but received no answer. Going to the bathroom she found him dead.

We shall all miss him very much. He had been here for twenty years and had always taken a prominent part in University affairs. As you know he was very modest and very unassuming, but always willing to take a little more than his share of the work. His judgment was sound and one always knew nothing but the most loyal motives lay behind any advice he gave. Harkness was a gentleman and his place will be hard to fill. Fortunately, we have two very good second string men,- Sullivan in