

Dr. H. M. Tory

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Your name was not on the list of those Presidents who were coming and that is how I missed you. It is true that I saw you at the Reception the day previous, but I stupidly forgot about the luncheon. I think I can say with all earnestness that there was no one amongst those invited whom I would have preferred to yourself. You are one of the most eminent and honoured graduates of McGill. You founded the University of British Columbia and also the University of Alberta. You were extremely kind to me when I was in Edmonton and I would have liked to have had the opportunity to make some return for your courtesy.

I hope that by this time you have forgotten the incident. I assure you that I shall not soon forget it.

When the Committee of Corporation to consider Honorary Degrees held its first meeting last Spring the very first name I submitted was yours and it was then I first learned that you had already received the Honorary Degree from McGill. I did suggest the names of other University Presidents in Canada and the names of a few public men, but I left it to the Faculties to suggest all other names. I hope that some time in the future McGill may be privileged to welcome at some Convocation members of the Staff of the University of Alberta and to honour them by a Degree.

I am enclosing herewith a cheque to cover your hotel expenses. I remember that you had told me that you had stayed for a day or two at the Ritz Carlton, but that the remainder of your visit was spent with your brother.

I do not suppose there is much chance of my seeing you again until next June, but I assure you I shall look forward to that