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Secretary
V. LANSING COLLINS
Assistant to the Secretary
GORDON G. SIKES

Dear Sir:-

Professor Hendel has informed me that he is an applicant for a Professorship in McGill University and has asked me to say a few words to you about him.

Mr. Hendel was a student of mine both in his undergraduate and graduate years. At that period of his career all his teachers regarded him as an exceptionally brilliant student and felt sure that he had the promise in him of a distinguished future. This promise has been extraordinarily well fulfilled.

He has already published books which have won him high praise from distinguished scholars. At the present time he has almost completed the manuscript of another large volume which when published will no doubt add to his reputation as a scholar and writer.

In addition to his literary and scholarly ability he has a singularly fine enthusiasm for teaching - a real desire to have young minds feel the power and the majesty of the finer things of life.

His training has been exceptionally thorough. He has been under the influence of the best we could give him at Princeton and has also studied in France and Germany. He reads their languages just about as he would his own. In addition one may say that his training at least as a graduate student was far more British than American. He was the outstanding student of Professor Kemp-Smith of Edinburgh University and of Professor Bowman of Glasgow. These men, I know, had and have the very highest opinion of him.

I may say that his health is excellent and his