

June 6th, 1923.

My dear Professor Hickson,-

Only yesterday did I learn that on May 10th last you handed to the Secretary of the University your formal resignation as Frothingham Associate Professor of Logic and Metaphysics.

I can sympathize with the reasons vouchsafed by you for taking this step, yet I most earnestly hope you will give further consideration to the matter and consent to withdraw your resignation.

I cannot ask Professor Caldwell to retire and I know you have not suggested that I should. You and he have been associated in the Department of Philosophy for the past twenty years and I would ask you to make an especial effort, for the sake of McGill, to continue the association. Your retirement now would be a distinct loss to the University and, furthermore, it would most likely not be rightly understood by the Alumni and general public.

If you consent to remain I shall have much pleasure in recommending to the Board of Governors that you be promoted to the rank of Professor. I shall also make certain suggestions to Professor Caldwell, which I think will result in the smoother working of the Department.

Believe me,

Ever yours faithfully,

Professor J.W.A.Hickson,
20 Ontario Avenue,
Montreal.