

E.H.

Ottawa, 7th June, 1920.

My dear Gosnell,-

I wish to thank you sincerely for your letter of June the 5th, offering me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I am looking forward with a great deal of interest and pleasure to the work there. It opens up a new field in a way, and a very attractive one at that. I appreciate very much the opportunity of coming in such close contact with so many young men and women each year. I know the attachment which all graduates bear for their Alma Mater, and perhaps one may be able to do some good.

I am in most cordial sympathy with your suggestion. I don't want to see McGill simply a factory for turning out so many engineers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, etc. I would like to see it an institution of such a character that its graduates would be all-round men generous in mind and body, able to approach their own problems and the world's problems, determined to overcome all difficulties and to find a solution along the line only of what is right and just.

Another thing, Gosnell, which you will probably appreciate and that is I am very happy to get away from Government employ. I do not like a position where one's actions and sayings are governed so often by the limitations of expediency. I hope that before I leave Ottawa, I may have an opportunity of having a decent chat with you.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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