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Hemie of Glasgow has not yet turned me down, though I feel he will. The salaries of full professors here are such that the salaries at McGill are no attraction, besides it is hard to induce a man as old as the Professors here are, to pull up stakes and go to a new country.

J. Oliver Thomson of Birmingham is a young Professor, and one who stands extraordinarily high, but I have heard from him this morning saying that he feels it would not be right for him to leave Birmingham, where he has been only two years.

I hope that Glascoo has written to Lang. I am writing to him myself today.

I have tried hard to get Earl Beatty to come to McGill for our Centenary celebrations, but while he has not definitely declined, he feels that the work he must do here in preparation for the Conference at Washington, will prevent him being in Montreal on the date required.

I saw Sir John Simon here, who was more than pleased that McGill had offered him a degree.

Others to whom you have written, have also written to me, and while they cannot come this year, they all said that within the next two years they will come over to get it.

There is no hope of getting the Prime Minister to go, and so I may not be able to do as I have told you I wanted, namely to get an outstanding public man from here. Some of the lesser lights would be glad to come, but if I cannot get one at the top, I do not propose to take any.

I would suggest that we should offer an honorary degree to Auckland Geddes. I believe he would like to join us in our celebrations, and I think his public services, coupled with his former connection with McGill, would be sufficient reason why we should offer him an honorary degree.

The other morning I went to the Colonial Office with Sir Robert Falconer to discuss the matter of University Graduates applying for positions in the Colonial Civil Service. It was agreed