

first visit to the University on that day. (You know, of course, that the former Governor General, Lord Willingdon, left Canada in January to assume the duties of Viceroy of India). Lord Bessborough is Lord Willingdon's successor as Governor General of Canada, and for that reason is the Visitor of the University. I ascertained that it would be impossible for him to be in Montreal in June, and I felt that his presence on the occasion of the presentation of the Whitney Fountain was most desirable.

I was happy to learn from Miss Ballon that the date, May 29th, would be convenient, as far as Mrs. Whitney is concerned. We hoped that she would come to the ceremony, but so far Miss Ballon has been unable to give us any very definite information about that. The day is getting very near, and naturally we are anxious to know who will be in the party from New York. Miss Ballon has informed us that we may expect Mr. John Finley and Mr. Downs from the NEW YORK TIMES, and Dr. Finley will present the gift on behalf of Mrs. Whitney. She also tells us that Mr. and Mrs. Rosen will be in the party, as well as herself.

Following this intimation from her, I wrote to Dr. Finley, asking him to stay with me while he was in Montreal, but as yet I have had no reply.

I am venturing to write a personal letter to Mrs. Whitney, saying that I hope she will find it possible to come to Montreal for the ceremony. Will you please tell me (and as soon as you can) your appreciation of who will be in the party, and roughly what their plans are?

On Convocation Day the morning is taken up almost entirely with the Convocation proceedings, which include the granting of degrees and listening to an address by Lord Bessborough. Then the Governor General's party and the party from New York would be my guests at luncheon. At four o'clock the ceremony of presentation of the gift takes place. I would be in charge of the proceedings, would ask whoever is representing Mrs. Whitney to make the presentation, the gift would be formally received by His Excellency the Governor General, who would ask me, as Principal, to receive it on behalf of