

September 21st, 1929.

Dr. Stephen Leacock,  
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Dear Stephen:-

I have your note of the 16th of September, together with your memorandum on the Department of Economics and Political Science and am ready to discuss with you all matters raised therein when you return to the University.

I very much regret to learn that Dr. Hemmeon has been ill, and also Mr. Farthing and Mr. Goforth. What is the matter with the Department of Economics? Is this the inevitable result of the strange economic notions some of these men hold? While Goforth was a first-rate man in many ways I am not at all sorry that he has left the staff. I think the time had arrived when Goforth was more interested in his outside work than he was with the work of the University. No man could possibly do what he was doing outside and give faithful service to his classes.

I saw Jack Farthing and am not at all surprised to learn from you that he will not be able to return. His retention on the staff is something which will have to be seriously considered. We cannot go on paying him a full salary if there is no likelihood of his coming back soon. We must get a report on his physical condition. If he is likely to be away for some time his salary must be considerably cut down. If there is no likelihood of his return I think he should resign. We