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Dear Mr. Pearson,

Last Saturday afternoon I received your message through Mr. Henderson here, and later we communicated by telephone. I gave him my promise to think over your proposals seriously - and, indeed, they deserved most careful consideration.

Dalhousie University is one of the finest and best of our universities, burdened with fewer popular misconceptions of what an educational institution is than many others. It would be a delightful task to me to take some part in carrying on the noble Dalhousie tradition. But I feel that the work to which I have set my hand, here in McGill, and in the Province of Quebec, claims me and must hold me.

In thinking of me as a successor to my friend, President MacKenzie, you have done me a great honour. I realise, of course, that you have thought of others as well. Still it is an honour, and one which, though I shall not talk of it, I shall cherish.

Will you please accept, personally, my sincere expression of regard, and for your Committee and for Dalhousie my best wishes,

Yours faithfully and most gratefully,

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