

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

MONTREAL 20th May, 1925.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal, McGill University,
City.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I am very sorry to have to say that on account of my son's wedding I must leave for St. John on the evening of the 25th, so that it will be impossible for me to attend the meetings of the Committee you have invited to consider the affairs of Macdonald College. I regret this the more deeply because I feel a keen interest in that institution, and would like to see it have the greatest influence and the widest field of usefulness possible.

It is a fact that most, perhaps all, the agricultural colleges of the continent are suffering at present from a dearth of students. In a recent issue of "The Country Gentleman" (of which I send you a copy) it is pointed out that while the numbers of students attending other faculties have of recent years increased very greatly, the numbers in the agricultural departments have on the contrary decreased, and the article goes on to ask what is wrong with the agricultural colleges. The condition is of course in part due to the depressed condition of agriculture, but this can hardly be the sole reason, for even in California, which is the home of the most highly developed horticulture and agriculture of the United States, and where the fruit-growers are a high class of men in good circumstances, the condition is at least as bad as elsewhere. At the University of