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Capt. C.W. Patterson,
Sec.-Treas. Originals' Club,
606 Kent Building,
Toronto.

My dear Patterson:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 19th, in which you have done me the honour of asking me to take part in the ceremonies consequent upon the opening of the Originals' new Club House.

I have delayed answering your letter in the hope that I might reply favorably. I have always been very pleased to be associated with the Originals' Club, and have always been glad to learn of their activities. I had hoped to visit the Toronto Exhibition next week, but first one thing and then another makes my being able to get away more uncertain. On Monday the Presidents of the different Canadian Clubs in Canada are meeting in Montreal and I have promised to speak to them. On Wednesday the representatives of the Graduates' Societies of McGill congregate here, and I want to meet them; so that it is hardly possible for me to say definitely whether I can spend any time in Toronto next week or not.

You can well appreciate the concern with which I have accepted the Principalship of this University. The work is strange to anything in which I have been engaged before and I find it requires all my time, thought and