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Smith has now established a firm position with his Colleagues. He is regarded as an able, serious and conscientious member of our Body, whose loyalty and devotion to the Faculty, and to the University, is unquestioned. I am satisfied that every member of our Faculty would join me in the expression of a sincere hope that we may not lose him.

As to the possibility of this event becoming an actuality, I can only venture the merest conjecture. In complete absence of knowledge as to the nature of the position he might be called upon to fill at Manchester, my opinion as to whether he would accept it or not, would be of little value. I am however of opinion, that Smith is happy in his work, and would not lightly sever his connection with our University. Possibly the larger Western life has "gripped" him a bit.

I do not know of anything more to be added. The feeling is not absent, that what I have said may be of little use. If there is anything, my dear