

March 20th, 1930.

Miss Ellen Ballou,
4 Beckman Avenue,
Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Dear Miss Ballou,

Let me acknowledge your letter of the 18th in which you tell me that the friendship gift to McGill University, the work of Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, can be seen at her studio in New York during the week of April 7th. I regret very much that it will not be possible for me to be in New York during that week, but if any of the University staff are going down I shall ask them to call.

We must, of course, arrange the ceremony in connection with the presentation. Up to the present all negotiations have been conducted with the Chancellor and it was at his request to me to name a suitable day that I designated Founder's Day, October 6th next.

I modestly suggest that the arrangements for the ceremony take place between whoever represents the committee of American citizens and Mrs. Whitney, and myself as Principal of the University. The administration of the University is not the Chancellor's function. The Principal is the one charged with that responsibility. Of course, I should be very careful to keep him fully informed, and I know he would be ready and pleased to participate in the ceremony. He would be asked to approve all the details, but I do not think he should be bothered with making the definite arrangements.