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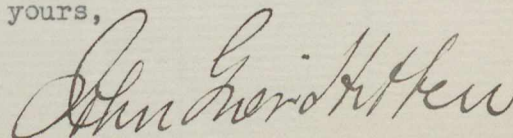
June 21, 1929.

My dear Principal:

I have been unusually disturbed by the prospect of Professor Hendel leaving Princeton but I do appreciate the fact of your situation at Montreal which must be met immediately, and your personal message delivered by Professor Henden is very gratifying to me. I yield as gracefully as possible to the logic of the situation. I shall be very sorry to have Professor Hendel leave Princeton but in talking over the whole matter with him I see clearly that it may be to his professional advantage. I have been greatly interested in his career from his undergraduate days. Before assuming the responsibilities of my present position I was Professor of Philosophy and had Hendel in my classes for three years of his college course and he stands out in my mind as the most promising of the undergraduates who came under my knowledge in Philosophy during a period of over twenty years of teaching. He has a brilliant mind and a very rich background of philosophical knowledge. He has been successful in his teaching and has also taken an active part in the general activities and affairs of the University. In his writings he has an excellent literary style which is of great advantage in giving his thought clarity and force.

With my warm regards to Lady Currie and yourself,  
believe me,

Faithfully yours,



Sir Arthur Currie, Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.





The University, Glasgow.

Charles W. Hendel (Associate Professor, Princeton).

1. For years Hendel was my right-hand man. I have known him from his student days, & can speak of him from intimate personal acquaintance.
2. A highly competent philosopher. His book on 'Hume' has obtained European recognition. In the latest work on the subject (Metz's 'Hume' in the Frommann Classics, a first-rate German series) the writer follows Hendel throughout as the definitive authority on the subject.
3. I have never known anyone so devoted to his students. He has a group of them to his house once a week, & devotes hours of his leisure to unofficial instruction, discussion &c. Hendel creates philosophers.
4. A man of enormous industry. Has shot far ahead of his contemporaries by dint of unremitting application.
5. Is equally indefatigable on the administrative side. Never overlooks anything. A model of conscientiousness & scrupulous devotion to duty.
6. Absolutely disinterested. Hendel never once asked me for promotion or a rise of salary — even when such things were going — never even hinted that he would appreciate a favour.
7. A wonderful organizer.
8. A very public-spirited citizen. Is always leading some



movement or other.

9. Has a somewhat unfortunate youthfulness of appearance. This is a real handicap. He is a real man & plays a man's part. But his boyish face & figure rather suggest that he is pushing forward beyond his years. His seniors are sometimes, quite unfairly, provoked by what seems to them his officiousness.
10. Is too honest & outspoken to study the art of pleasing. Not always discreet, & takes some things too seriously. A born reformer. This is apt to provoke hostility among the older men.
11. Altogether of full professional calibre. To answer a question that you would put to me: Would I have him as a colleague here in Glasgow? — I would be only too glad to have him.

(P.S. I ought to say that in spite of his splendid record of his enthusiasm & earnestness, he has failed to attract many students to his classes. Is not a popular type. But where he makes friends, he makes them for good).



Princeton, N.J.,  
June 22, 1929.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
McGill University,

Dear Sir: —

Professor Hendel of Princeton has told me that he is applying for the chair of Moral Philosophy in McGill University, and I am glad to support his candidacy to the best of my ability. He has proved himself a successful teacher here and has been particularly valuable to the philosophical department (of which I was for some years a member) by his powers of administration and organization. His recent work on Heine is evidence of his scholarship and has received favourable attention in Germany.

I have the honour to be,

Very respectfully yours,

Paul E. More.

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BOROUGH of PRINCETON  
PRINCETON  
NEW JERSEY

Office of the Mayor

June 22, 1929.

Sir Arthur W. Curry,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, CANADA.

Dear Sir:

Professor Charles W. Hendel has made application for a position at McGill University. In civic affairs Mr. Hendel has been most helpful in organizing in Princeton a Citizens Safety Council. While this Council had no real authority it has under his jurisdiction conducted an energetic educational campaign, the object of which was to instruct our own citizens in the motor vehicle traffic laws and respect for the rights of others.

In this whole campaign Mr. Hendel has done a splendid piece of work and has assisted me materially in the conduct of my office as head of our Borough government.

I should be very sorry if Mr. Hendel finds it advisable to leave Princeton. On the other hand any advancement he can secure must be a delight to all of us who are interested in his welfare.

Very truly yours,

*B. Franklin Bunn*  
(B. Franklin Bunn)

MAYOR.

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June 20. 1929

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal, McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I regret that I am unable to accept your invitation. It occurs to me that you may want my opinion of Havel. The conversation did not turn much on philosophy or ethics the other day, so of that I cannot speak. But I liked the cut of Havel himself, and his remarks on W. Wilson. It is the fashion to rate him down nowadays, but H., I think, is right about his work in Princeton, and the State of N. J.

Woodhead and some others of the Arts Staff think the professorship of Moral Philosophy a very important post, and they hope an excellent man can be found for it; even if the appointment cannot be made for some time.

Has H. L. Stewart of Dalhousie applied? He is a man of great abilities, and has written extraordinarily well on ethical and philosophical subjects. He edits the Dalhousie Review, among other things.



I hope that I am not exceeding my usefulness!  
I am off to Nova Scotia presently, and write in case  
you do wish my opinion.

Yours faithfully,

Carleton Stanley.



WARNER FITE  
5 COLLEGE ROAD  
PRINCETON, N. J.

Monhegan Island, Maine.

June 20, 1929

Principal Sir Arthur W. Currie  
Melis University

My dear Principal Currie:

I received your message this morning regarding Professor Hurd. I have known him very intimately for fourteen years past—since my first year at Princeton, which was his last year as graduate student. I think he is a first-class man, especially fitted by reading and study for a chair in moral philosophy. He is a thorough scholar, with an unusually wide range of reading, not only in philosophy but in general literature, much interested in poetry and music—distinctly a man of "liberal culture." He is rather slow to express positive opinions, though seriously



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5 COLLEGE ROAD  
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interested in arriving at the truth of any matter,  
taking everything that he does in a very responsible  
manner. Personally he is genial and agreeable,  
attractive and well-mannered, likes to play his  
part in the life of his community, is always well  
liked by his students and personally interested in  
them, but on the whole rather retiring than aggressive,  
much more a student than a man of affairs.  
I think he is admirably fitted by temperament to be  
a teacher, and there must be few men of his age with  
so much to give to their students.

Very sincerely yours  
Warner Fite



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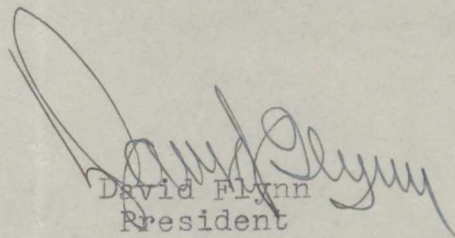
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Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
Principal and Vice Chancellor  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir:

Professor C.W. Hendel of Princeton University is well and favorably known to us, as he is in the entire community where he has been prominent in civic affairs for many years. He organized the Princeton Committee on Public Safety, of which he is Chairman. His University and community service has always been of the very highest order.

Respectfully yours

  
David Flynn  
President



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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Dean of the Faculty  
L. P. EISENHART

June 21, 1929

Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
Principal and Vice Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

Sir:

I understand that Professor Charles Hendel is applying for a Professorship in Philosophy at McGill University. My knowledge of Professor Hendel goes back to the days when he was an undergraduate, and more particularly during the years he has been a member of the Faculty. I am not in a position to speak about his rank as a philosopher but I can speak very wholeheartedly of his attitude as a member of the Faculty toward scholarship in general. He has always been deeply interested in proposing and helping to carry out plans for the improvement of the scholastic standing of the University. He has taken a great interest in his students and is never sparing either in energy or time to help quicken them in his subject. He is an untiring worker both as a student and as a teacher, and I feel confident that if he is appointed to the professorship you will find him a very fine addition to your Faculty.

Sincerely yours,

*L. P. Eisenhart*  
Dean of the Faculty



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June 21, 1929

*Secretary*  
V. LANSING COLLINS  
*Assistant to the Secretary*  
GORDON G. SIKES

Dear Sir:-

Professor Hendel has informed me that he is an applicant for a Professorship in McGill University and has asked me to say a few words to you about him.

Mr. Hendel was a student of mine both in his undergraduate and graduate years. At that period of his career all his teachers regarded him as an exceptionally brilliant student and felt sure that he had the promise in him of a distinguished future. This promise has been extraordinarily well fulfilled.

He has already published books which have won him high praise from distinguished scholars. At the present time he has almost completed the manuscript of another large volume which when published will no doubt add to his reputation as a scholar and writer.

In addition to his literary and scholarly ability he has a singularly fine enthusiasm for teaching - a real desire to have young minds feel the power and the majesty of the finer things of life.

His training has been exceptionally thorough. He has been under the influence of the best we could give him at Princeton and has also studied in France and Germany. He reads their languages just about as he would his own. In addition one may say that his training at least as a graduate student was far more British than American. He was the outstanding student of Professor Kemp-Smith of Edinburgh University and of Professor Bowman of Glasgow. These men, I know, had and have the very highest opinion of him.

I may say that his health is excellent and his



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*Secretary*  
V. LANSING COLLINS  
*Assistant to the Secretary*  
GORDON G. SIKES

capacity for work exceptional. He never spares himself in fulfilling every possible obligation which his profession lays upon him. He has a natural hatred of the vulgar and the common place and lives a strenuous but happy life in the service of his ideals.

It is a pleasure to be able to write all this about him with so much sincerity.

Very cordially yours,

*Roger Bruce Coak Johnson*

Chairman of the Department of  
Philosophy in Princeton University

Sir Arthur W Currie,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada.



76 Murray Place,  
Princeton N.J.  
June 21, 1929

Dear Sir Arthur:-

This morning I wired you! I shall make application and letters of recommendation will follow! On a separate sheet enclosed with this letter to you is one more formal and official.

President Hibben understood thoroughly how you are placed and appreciated your offer of an explanation through me. I have been able to show them "the way out" for themselves, in the matter of disposing of my work amongst other instructors. If I am favored with the appointment, we shall part here the best of friends. In truth, Princeton feels herself honored that one of her men should be considered for this significant post with you. That sentiment relieves my mind of its compunctions.

In order to provide you and your Committee with some evidence I am asking a number of persons to send testimonials. The President himself offered gladly to write one; the Dean of the Faculty, Dean Eisenhart who acts as Vice-President; Paul Elmer More, the classical scholar who is well-known in Oxford and a man of letters, though his views and my own are pretty well opposite; and a few others. I may have Professor R B C Johnson, the Chairman of our Department, write you, although I should not be surprised if he does not, because he is very much upset by the necessity of having to provide for my place and is extremely nervous. We are having another conference this afternoon where I hope to make him feel more at ease-so you see we are friends. In addition, there may come one or two from men of affairs in the community, who can say what they will, with detachment from academic life, about my interests and activities in the civic affairs of this community.

My expenses to Montreal and return,- total \$50.59.  
I should be glad to pay half of this myself, since it is a mutual affair.



May I, in closing, express my appreciation to Lady Currie and yourself for the kind attentions you gave me during my short visit with you. During the summer, if all goes as I hope, my wife and I will come to Montreal as home-seekers. Our address from Tuesday the 25th of June will be:

Care of Mrs. Isabelle R Leonard,  
R D # 2  
Brandon,  
Vermont.

Yours sincerely,

*Charles W. Hendel Jr.*

Sir Arthur W Currie,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal



The Department of Philosophy  
Princeton University  
Princeton N.J.  
June 21, 1929

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I wish to apply for the Chair of Moral Philosophy in McGill University, and state in the following sentences my record and experience.

Graduated from Princeton with degree of Litt B in 1913, having a record of all first group in every subject taken throughout the course of four years.

1913-4 spent abroad in travel, study of art, architecture, history, and attending one semester at Marburg University, Germany, studying under Paul Natorp and Nicholai Hartmann, and one winter semester at Paris, attending the conferences especially of Janet and of Henri Bergson at the College de France.

1915-6 Attended the Graduate School of Princeton University as University Fellow. Was awarded a Proctor Fellowship at the conclusion of the two years but relinquished it because of marriage Sept. 1916.

1916 Completed graduate study at Princeton, thesis on David Hume's Religious Philosophy, and degree of Ph D.

1917 June entered the American Army, 78th Division, as private, advanced through grades of non-commissioned officer, attended officer's training school, assigned to Camp Lee Virginia, training replacements, and finally assistant to the Morale Officer at Camp Lee, at the time of Armistice

1918-9 Instructor of Philosophy at Williams College, Williamstown Massachusetts.

1919-1929 Assistant Professor, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Princeton University, one-half year spent on leave in Europe.

My teachers have been Professor Norman Kemp Smith, now Professor of Logic, The University of Edinburgh; Professor A A Bowman, Professor of Moral Philosophy, The University of Glasgow; Professor Warner Fite, Stuart Professor of Ethics, Princeton University.

Publications: Studies in the Philosophy of David Hume, published in 1925 by the Princeton University Press  
Hume: Selections, published 1928 Scribner's (includes an Introduction)  
Fortcoming: Rousseau: Selections ( to be published during summer 1929 by Scribners)

In Preparation: a work on Jean Jacques Rousseau;  
An essay to a collaborative volume to be dedicated to Josiah Royce, on Contemporary American Idealism

Steps have been taken toward collaboration in research with departments of History, Politics and Economics, on the subject:  
The Causes of War.

Sir Arthur W Currie,  
Principal and Vice Chancellor  
McGill University, Montreal  
Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charles W. Hendel Jr*



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I SHOULD BE PLEASED TO COME TO MONTREAL ON JUNE  
27 AFTER I ARRIVE AT MY SUMMER CAMP IN  
VERMONT WILL THAT DATE BE EARLY ENOUGH A LETTER FOLLOWS  
IMMEDIATELY

CHARLES W HENDEL JR

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76 Murray Place,  
Princeton N.J.  
June 14, 1929

My dear Sir Arthur:-

In reply to your letter of June 10th I have already sent a 'day-letter', to say that I should be very pleased to come to Montreal. I asked, at the same time, whether June 27th will be early enough. The Commencement of Princeton is over on the 18th, and I expect to arrive in summer quarters in Vermont on the 23rd, so that the date I suggest is the most convenient for me. If a few days later make no difference to you, I might ask for that additional grace.

What you say about the Professorship of Moral Philosophy is very interesting. It happens that my wife's family hails from Canada, and from the neighborhood of Montreal. I am desirous of having her visit with me, though without putting any additional burden of entertainment upon you.

I thank you for your letter, and hope to meet with you soon.

Yours faithfully

*Charles W. Hendel Jr.*

P.S. Summer residence, after June 20th: Whiteledge, R.D. 2, Brandon, Vt.

Sir Arthur W Currie,  
The Principal and Vice-Chancellor  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada



June 10, 1929.

Professor C.W. Hendel,  
Princeton University,  
Princeton, N.J., U.S.A.

Dear Professor Hendel,

There is an opening here at present in the Macdonald Chair of Moral Philosophy pending the retirement of Dr. William Caldwell, who has been Professor of Moral Philosophy in this University for the last twenty-five years. The Department of Philosophy is a small one, composed, until now, of Dr. Caldwell and the Dean of the Faculty, and much of the Dean's time is occupied with his official duties. We hope, however, that this Department may become of increasing influence in the University in the future. There is a class of over one hundred students in the sophomore year, but in the upper classes the attendance during recent years has not been large. I suggest, therefore, that the Department has ample room to grow and I know that Dr. Caldwell's successor will be given the fullest freedom to make his work a success. I am writing to you to say that we should be pleased if you will visit us at McGill at some early future date. I need scarcely add that we will pay all reasonable expenses of your trip. Montreal is a very pleasant



C.W.Hendel, 2.

summer city and if you can stay with us a few days so much the better.  
Kindly let me know if you care to come and, if so, when it will be most  
convenient for you to do so.

Yours very truly,

Principal



CHARLES W. HENDEL, Jr.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
AND PSYCHOLOGY

*Emerson Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts*

May 10, 1929

My dear Dr. Martin:-

I regret to say that we can be of little help to you with regard to Mr. Porteous and Professor Hendel. Mr. Porteous is known to us only by hearsay and of Professor Hendel we know very little except for his publications.

If we could be of assistance by suggesting other possible candidates for your position, we should be glad to do that.

Sincerely yours,

*C. I. Lewis*

Dr. C. F. Martin  
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July 31, 1929

Professor A. Bowman,  
272, Nassau Street,  
Princeton.

Dear Bowman:-

Just a line to thank you for your letter of Saturday.

Porteous cannot come to us before next year, but he has accepted under these conditions and writes enthusiastically of his repatriation.

I am sorry to hear of Mrs. Bowman's ill health and hope that both of you will return to Scotland via Montreal and spend a few days with me on your way home.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,



272 Nassau Street,  
Princeton N.J., July 27,  
1929.

My dear Sir Arthur,

Your kind letter, addressed to me at Glasgow, has just reached me at Princeton. I am extremely gratified that the two men whom I placed first in the order of my recommendations, should have appealed to your judgment as suitable. In particular I am glad you have chosen Hurdel for the major position. I am confident that you will find in him a most loyal & devoted, as well as a very able, departmental head. He is absolutely disinterested, & all he asks is an opportunity to serve. You have given him that opportunity & he will assuredly justify your trust. - Mrs. Hurdel will be a real acquisition to the social life of McGill University. She is a highly cultured woman, widely read & with strong English sympathies. Although herself an American, she is of Canadian extraction, her father being Canadian. That should make the



process of adjustment easy. — Mrs. Porteus is quite a scholar. She studied philosophy at Edinburgh under Kemp Smith, & took first class honours. You do not say whether Porteus has accepted. I sincerely hope it is so. H<sub>2</sub> & H<sub>2</sub>l would make a first-rate team. Porteus' fine classical scholarship would be the last touch wanted. Altogether the auspices seem most propitious, & I shall await developments with the greatest interest.

I am very glad to hear that your health continues to be satisfactory. May it long be so, & may you never again be subjected to such a persecution as led to your illness! Many thanks for your kind inquiries after my mother & my wife. My wife, I am sorry to say, is in poor health. She is suffering from a painful & protracted rheumatism; & we are on our way out to California in the hope that the dry warmth may help her to a recovery. Meanwhile she joins me in cordial greetings.

Yours very sincerely

A. A. Bowman.



July 4th, 1929.

Professor A. A. Bowman,  
Department of Moral Philosophy,  
The University,  
Glasgow, Scotland.

My dear Professor Bowman:-

Thank you for your letter of June 14th, to which was attached your appreciation of the qualifications of Hendel, Porteous, Phillips and Brown.

You will be interested to learn that since my return we have had visits from both Hendel and Porteous, both of whom left a very favourable impression upon the Committee. I have already offered to Hendel the Chairmanship of the Department and he has accepted. He will come to us on September 1st. I hope in a day or so to make Porteous an offer to come as Hendel's assistant. It seems to me they would make a splendid team - one complementary to the other. Hendel is 39 and Porteous is 33. Having them here, I believe we can look forward to a Department of Moral Philosophy that not only would be favourably regarded in the philosophical world, but would exercise a profound influence among the students of McGill and also in all those other national activities swayed by University men. I never saw two young men whom I liked better on first acquaintance - clean, manly fellows, earnest and sincere, full of enthusiasm, and <sup>who</sup> I am told by those fully qualified to judge, have a profound knowledge of their subject. I shall write at once to White and to Phillips. I liked them both but Phillips has the greater charm.



Professor A.A.Bowman - 2 -

I have been very busy since returning home, but my health continues good and I am standing the strain all right. I have not yet seen Traquair, but I gave messages from you to Dr. and Mrs. Porter. I suppose you are now away for a well-earned vacation. Remember me most kindly to your mother and to your wife.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



March 28, 1933.

Professor C.W. Hendel,  
Department of Philosophy,  
McGill University.

Dear Professor Hendel,

Replying to your note of the 26th  
may I say that I am disappointed that I have not attended  
all the lectures given by you on Rousseau and his  
philosophies. I heard the whole course referred to in  
the kindest terms. It is not often such a course calls  
forth an editorial in the Gazette. I congratulate you  
most heartily.

Referring to last Friday afternoon,  
you did exactly what I wished you to do. I should not  
have been late and I would have felt embarrassed had you  
paused in your lecture,

With all good wishes,

I am

Yours faithfully,

Principal



# McGill University

FACULTY OF ARTS

March 26, 1933

MEMORANDUM

TO Sir Arthur Currie

FROM C W Hendel

Dear SirArthur:-

You favoured me with a visit to the one lecture in the series which I do not think successful. I had hoped you would attend the preceding one, on Education and a Moral Philosophy. It was a stand for "the old fashioned" ideas on which we were speaking one lunch-time on the way to the Faculty Club. That one, dealing with the major experiences of a life rightly-lived, has evoked comments even from parents of my pupils, who have actually sent me messages of approval.

It may also interest you to know that the young woman about whom you were speaking on that occasion at lunch came up to borrow the copy of the lecture on Education etc., which she missed. It would have been better for her to have heard it, since the writing is composed for hearing not for seeing. I have still the final view of the whole philosophy of Rousseau to give.

I trust I did the proper thing to continue speaking upon your arrival. Sometimes I am not sure of the customs and tradition of the University. But where I was brought up we were taught to attend to our subject on such an occasion.

Yours faithfully,

*C W Hendel*  
C W Hendel



# McGill University

FACULTY OF ARTS

MEMORANDUM

TO.....FROM.....

P.S. There has been a demand for a course of Public Lectures like the above on the Philosophy of Plato. I intend to put this up to Professor MacLennan, since it is in his particular field. And next year, it is my plan, he is to "have the floor" and make himself known not only to his classes in philosophy but also the the public at large, in some such series of Lectures.

It is my belief that the Department of Philosophy owes such public utterance, that it should "keep in touch" with the world around us.

I believe you approve of that. And I hope you will excuse my trespassing upon your attention with this little note.

CWH



## THE PHILOSOPHY OF ROUSSEAU.

Professor Hendel, of McGill University, has done a service to all students in once more calling attention to the work and philosophy of Jean Jacques Rousseau. Justly has it been said that the Genevan is one of those authors whom we can never wholly afford to forget. Rousseau has been called a romanticist, a revolutionary, a creature of sentiment, an incurable egoist, and many other hard names. As Professor Hendel aptly remarked, the readers of Rousseau's work either become fools or fanatics in respect of their laudation of his material, or otherwise, the condemnation of it, and the author himself as one who drank and was made drunk by the cup of sensibility drained to the bitter lees. Assuredly there were heights and depths in the contour of the landscape Rousseau traversed, and these he has frankly set down in literary form. But the sedgy puddles and the purple patches found at the lower level of his writings ought not to hinder us from recognizing that the stress Rousseau places upon subjective feelings has its significance for our own age. He was the "short abstract and chronicle of his time," and it has been noted that it is impossible to understand ourselves or the great changes which have taken place during the past century without some reference to the influence wielded by the author of the "Confessions" and the "Social Contrat." When we have judiciously sifted the material and separated chaff from wheat there still remains a winnowing that has its value and imparts nutriment to the inquiring mind. It is quite astray to pretend that Rousseau merely advertised his singularity and had no philosophy to proffer his fellows. In the first place, he held strongly that the personal equation is the real metre of a man's life and fortunes. The "ego" is worth more than all the rest of the universe to each of us. Rousseau would never have conceded to the theory, so prevalent in these days, that because the material universe is so big and the star cycles so vast, puny man is overwhelmed by the grandeur of the planets. The mechanic notion of the cosmos never mastered his own soul. Professor Edward Caird says that, to Rousseau, the outside world was little more than the impersonal Greek chorus as compared with the drama enacted within his own nature. Did not Goethe say something of the same kind in speaking of man's relationship to the external sphere of things? The Genevan could very well have adopted the phrase Shakespeare puts into the mouth of Richard III.—

"My Conscience hath a thousand several tongues,

And every tongue brings in a several tale,  
And every tale condemns me for a villain."

Hume testified that the sensibility of Rousseau "rises to a pitch beyond what I have seen any example of"; a thing to be noted carefully in these days when the theory is revived that we are all the hapless puppets of fate.

Rousseau was a revolutionist. He preached the simple life. He envisaged what a modern French writer calls the Upper Garden, remote from the din of the world. The delight in natural beauty is the source of many of the richest passages in his works. It is a pity he did not betake himself more convincingly to the path he pointed out. But the suggestion remains, and with it the wholesome protest against an artificial and over-elaborated mode of existence. Nor should it be forgotten that Rousseau insisted that the centre of social and civilized life is to be found in the family circle. The altar of the "social contrat" is the hearthfire tradition. He believed in the primal charities. Consideration for man as man strongly marks his writings. "I hate this rage to destroy without building up," he once said. The good man arranges all things with respect to the good of the whole. The bad man arranges the whole universe with respect only to himself. This is the dominant note of the philosophy of Rousseau. That he fell short of it is no reason his writings should be left to the dusty shelf. In Professor Hendel's verdict that, in spite of all defects, there is still much profit to be gained by perusal of Rousseau's pages, we entirely concur.



# McGill University

FACULTY OF ARTS

October 28, 1932

MEMORANDUM

TO Sir Arthur W Currie

FROM C.W.Hendel

Dear Sir Arthur:-

There will come for you a book sent by MacMillans of New York entitled Contemporary Idealism in America. This volume has as one of its chapters The Meaning of Obligation done by myself: it is the first piece of work published from my hand in Canada, and it was done the first year I was here. I have wanted you to possess a copy from me.

It is with regret that my wife and I have been obliged to decline the invitation of Lady Currie to lunch today. Thursday is an impossible day for me, lecturing morning and afternoon, and in the evening a Philosophical Society meeting, this time with myself as speaker. I can only accomplish these things by taking a rest at noon-time, a brief lunch and quiet afterwards, as an interlude. But we are sorry it must be so, and that we had to decline the kind invitation.

Faithfully yours,

*C.W. Hendel*



November 8th, 1932.

Professor C. W. Hendel,  
Department of Philosophy.

My dear Hendel,

The Book "Contemporary Idealism in America" reached me this morning and I shall take it home with me in order to read the chapter which you have written. It is very kind of you to have sent me this copy. It would be presumptuous for me to endeavour to comment on the subject matter, other than to say that I am proud to see the name of McGill University and your own name in the list of contributors to the volume.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal



December 2nd, 1929

Professor C. W. Hendel,  
Department of Philosophy,  
Faculty of Arts,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir,

The Principal asks me to tell  
you that he will be here all week and will  
be glad to see you at any time except  
Friday and Saturday.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Principal.



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Saturday Afternoon  
November 30, 1929

FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

My dear Sir Arthur:-

This afternoon Porteous' reply came, to the effect that he will be glad to come on December 13th, to stay with me, and to give a talk before our Philosophical Society. I send this message by letter because I cannot be in to see you on Monday, <sup>owing to</sup> ~~because~~ of a Lyceum Lecture scheduled for me at the Women's University Club in Ottawa, where I have been slated to speak on the title: The Philosopher Looks At Life.

I do wish to see you, however, before we conclude our arrangements with regard to the meeting of the Philosophical Society at your residence on the evening of Friday the 13th. The Society has met three times in the Council Room of the Arts Building, and on those occasions the attendance has completely filled the room, all the chairs there, and more brought in from the outside. Our subject has been the Philosophy of Physical Science today, and it has centered about a stirring book by Eddington. Our speakers have been from the Science Departments, notably Dr. Eve who helped us enormously to get hold of the ideas of the book the students are reading. Next week another discussion is to be held on the new concepts of Gravitation in Einstein; and after that another, led by another scientist, on the Quantum Theory. Our Society has thus interested a diversity of students and faculty, men from physics, chemistry, mathematics, some few from medicine, some even from law. Our attendance is thus very varied and numerous. And not all of those present contribute to the gathering in any way. There is a group of those who stand in the outer atmosphere of our world of discourse and catch occasional light from the interplay of arguments. These outlying people swell the audience to a size which tends to make the more



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timid ones who really have ideas or questions refrain from saying anything. The very size of the group is beginning to work against philosophy. The officers and I are trying to work out some meetings at which only active members or participants are present, and Dean MacKay approves of this introduction of a distinction in the types of our meetings. I do not want to cut philosophy off from this wider interest and influence, for we never know when it is "doing some good" in ways unknown to us. But we must provide for smaller discussion groups. And here is the point of my remarks: we may want to offer this talk of Porteous, and have you offer your hospitality, to such a smaller group within the larger one. This I want to talk over with you as soon as it is convenient for you.

At ~~fix~~ present the only distinction we are entitled to make is that of sheer membership. Our meetings have been open to the public. But there is a membership list, consisting of those who have paid twenty-five cents to the student who is treasurer, and it may be that we shall have to stick to that list, even though it contains some who are not really active.

This is not a matter of extraordinary importance. But we ought to consider it, for your own interests as well as for the Society. My estimate is that our last meeting had as many as seventy in attendance. That would be a tax upon you and upon the Society.

You know from previous conversations that I believe a Philosophical Society is one of the most valuable adjuncts of the education of men in philosophy. That is why I attend to these details of the group-organisation.

Porteous has given me a good letter-full of suggestions for our program of next year. Faithfully yours  
*CW Heindel*



'Whiteledge'  
R.D.# 2 Brandon, Vt. U.S.A.  
July 28, 1929

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Your letter of the twenty-fifth of this month brought me welcome news that Porteous is, indeed, to join us. My face fell, I fear, as I read that his coming is deferred until a year from September, for I had conceived a thoroughly launched program of action in philosophy, with the three of us pushing on all fronts concertedly and energetically. But the news is so good that I am content. The scruples of Porteous show what we can expect of him in our relations. I look forward to our prospective meeting together this autumn.

In order to carry out our program for this coming year we shall have to make some sacrifices in courses and concentrate upon the more fundamental ones. Apart from work in courses I hope, too, to let the charms of philosophy be known in ways informal, the Dean and myself working together, with <sup>common</sup> enthusiasm. It is not difficult to present a program and get a start. And in the end it may prove better for me to make my acquaintance with the students and the whole tradition of life on a modest and limited scale.

We have been busy making arrangements to move. We find Canada strict in ways we have always approved in our hearts, for example, forbidding the size of ~~vans~~ the van we intended to use for our transporting and necessitating a transfer at Rouse's Point to a Montreal Express Co. We find them also adhering to their regulations about the possession of pianos for six months. Such an attitude, and the forbidding of monstrous vans, we respect. But it costs something to do so, and makes extra work. However, we do not mind, and are most happy in the prospect of our new home and the scene of work.

Thank you for the kind message of your letter, and I am

Yours faithfully

Charles W. Stedel



July 25th, 1929.

Professor C. W. Hendel,  
"Whitsledge",  
R.D. No. 2,  
Brandon, Vermont.

Dear Professor Hendel:-

Dean Mackay has shewn me your letter to him of July 14th. I am glad you have completed your arrangements for a house.

I have word from Porteous that he is remaining at Smith's until September 1930. I can appreciate their situation and also his consideration of their circumstances. I have asked him to visit me during the Autumn, when you and he and the Dean can talk over the Department's future.

I have not made any announcement concerning your appointment, as it has not yet been formally confirmed by the Board of Governors. That body is not likely to meet for some little time and I think I shall not wait, though I wish to consult with the Chancellor.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in having you and Porteous as a team.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



For the Principals information  
JAMES

'Whitledge'  
R.D # 2 Brandon, Vt.  
July 14, 1929

My dear Dr. MacKay:-

This note to you has been delayed two days because, the day following our return from Montreal, finding it perfect weather for the mountains, we set out, two families strong, to climb Killington Peak and spend the night there, to see sunrise the next morning. We arrived here last evening, after neglecting business and even ordinary courtesies in order to make that excursion.

We were both delighted to see you, and immensely comforted in the course of our two-day search with the knowledge that we had the good-will and interest of the various persons with whom you put us into touch. I especially appreciate the kind inquiry of your secretary, on the afternoon of our departure. When we received her telephone call, I was actually signing the lease with the agent, in our room.

We secured a house which we had to lease for 3 years, but which so adequately met our requirements as to rooms and arrangements that we feel no hesitation in committing ourselves for that period of time to it. It is 639 Roslyn Avenue, not far from the Roslyn School, and near enough for me to walk "to work" at the University. We are pleased with the location, the quiet, the proximity of the school. And we were very well satisfied with the attention given us by Mr. McLean and his associate, Mr. Lain.

Our re-visiting of the College left a still happier impression of the place of our future roamings and labors. Everything seemed inviting; and the persons we have met welcome us.

I made a hasty investigation of the library, and find it well-equipped for my purposes. Curiously enough the one thing on which I wanted satisfaction I failed to note. But I think my memory is correct when I say that the Annales de la Societe Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 15 volumes,



( published serially 1905-on, by A jullien Editeur, Geneva, or H. Champion in Paris), is not in the library. That would be the only extravagance which I should think of asking you to indulge me. It is a most valuable thing for any student not only of Rousseau but also of political philosophy, since it puts one into touch with all the literature in the field. The other necessary books on political philosophy I found, most of them, right at hand. Indeed, I am quite impressed with your library, and with its reading room. You are too modest about your University- in every single matter, my findings outvie your predictions. Is there a melancholy strain beneath your genial, charming exterior, which makes you warn and caution? but, I do not need to ask the question, for the word caution puts me on the track, the same word that I would use of David Hume, that, rather than scepticism, caution and honesty.

We shall be in Montreal about August 31st, boarding and lodging somewhere near our house, so that the children can go to school on Tuesday Sept 4th. On Sunday night I shall go by train to Princeton where I shall assist in the packing by the Petry Express and Storage Co of Trenton, and after that return to my family. We shall board until about the 9th, while the house is being put into shape and our goods distributed. It is so tiring to attempt to live in a house that is being put into shape. Our goods will arrive by the 7th. I have asked Mr McLean to recommend a boarding-house near our quarters, and also to recommend us to the proprietors, so that I can make arrangements well in advance.

As soon as Porteus' appointment is determined upon, and I might, with propriety address myself to him, will you let me know? And when if anything is put, at any time, into the papers, and you see it, will you gratify my vanity by sending it to me. I am now so proud of my new post that I want my Princeton friends to know more about it.

My wife sends you her greetings with my own. We look forward to seeing both of you very soon. Yours sincerely, *Hendel*



P.S. I neglected to say what was most important, that I do not wish anyone to concern himself about the piano which I bought in part, but do not 'possess'. I have written myself to the Commissioner of Customs in Ottawa, after inquiring at the Customs House, and I have simply stated the circumstances, asking whether my piano could be considered household goods according to the intent of the law. Whatever he tells me I shall abide by- please do not think any more about that. Our thoughts ought to be more wholly about the eternal askings and answerings of Philosophy.

*cmH*



Notify Dean Mackay  
& Col. Bovey

R D # 2  
Brandon, Vermont  
July 1, 1929

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Your letter of Thursday June 27th arrived today and has given me great pleasure. I am entirely satisfied with the conditions of my appointment to the Chair of Moral Philosophy, with the rank of Professor and initial salary of \$5,500.00 per annum, to begin September 1st 1929. From your conversation I understand that you wish me to assume the responsibility of being Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, and this I should be happy to undertake. And I understand, further, that I should do nothing in that capacity without consulting first with the Dean of the Faculty of Arts who is my colleague, and as Dean, 'superior.' This it will be more of a pleasure than a duty to do. I hope I have understood you aright.

There is, perhaps, a slight mistake in your letter of notification to me, when you speak of the Fotheringham Chair of Moral Philosophy. According to the Announcement of McGill College, this Chair is named after Macdonald. Am I right in this?

It is necessary to make a very great number of arrangements in view of my change of residence and University. In my letters to friends and to business concerns I have been careful to state that the appointment is not yet official and awaits action by the Board of Governors, so that there cannot be any premature publicity.

I appreciate very much the interest of the Appointments Committee in the matter of an Assistant who will cooperate ably with me as well as the Dean toward making the Department of Philosophy a worthy part of the institution. As soon as the man is selected and notified, I should like to know his name and address so that we can prepare by correspondence for our coming work together.



Not least gratifying is your personal assurance of a "hearty welcome" to McGill. I am sure we shall find the environment congenial and be most happy in it. On Monday July 8th my wife and I expect to motor to Montreal from here, in order to look about for a house and to make inquiries concerning our bringing in of household goods, and further still, to find out at what date the public schools open so that our children may be started in promptly in their new environment. We shall locate ourselves at the Mount Royal and interview Real Estate agents, trying first to rent for a year, in order to get acquainted with our neighborhood before purchasing anything, but prepared, if we are convinced, to take steps toward buying a house. These will be busy days, - we hope to spend not more than two days at it, - but I look forward to the chance to introduce my wife to you and Lady Currie. We shall be attired and girded for business, but hope to be presentable. In regard to some of these matters I should be disposed to write to Colonel Bovey, but I do not wish to impose upon him unless you are willing to allow me to do so. Moreover, I want to trouble you as little as possible with these problems. If you permit me, therefore, I shall address a word to Colonel Bovey, asking his advice and the way to proceed.

Tomorrow, under a separate cover, I shall send you for your reference, a tentative prospectus concerning Philosophy. It is the first setting-down of my reflections upon the work of the Department and constitutes a basis for discussion with Dean MacKay, whom I look forward to seeing next Monday or Tuesday if it is convenient. The Prospectus is only for your reference, in case you have any particular concern about our plans. And I can assure you that I know the difference between plans and systems and the actual work that produces education.

Thank you for your most cordial letter,  
Yours faithfully,

*Charles W. Hendel J*



July 4th, 1929.

Professor C. W. Hendel,  
R.D. No. 2,  
Brandon, Vermont.

Dear Professor Hendel:-

I have your letter of July 1st and am glad it is definitely settled you are coming to us in September. Your responsibility will be that of Chairman of the Department of Philosophy. Your association with the Dean will be a mixed one, but I am sure there will be no conflict.

I am sorry that I spoke of your Chair as the Fotheringham Chair. You are right it is the Macdonald Chair. The Fotheringham Chair is held by the Dean.

I regret that I shall not be here next week. I am leaving with my family on Saturday morning to visit my sisters who live in Western Ontario and I do not expect to return to Montreal until the morning of the 16th. Colonel Bovey will also be away. However Dean Mackay will be here and will be glad to see you. With regard to a residence, if you will call at my office we can put you in touch with some reliable people.

I may say that yesterday I had a long letter from Bowman, in which he again refers to you in most kindly terms. I know it will give him great pleasure to learn that you are coming to McGill. It may interest you to know that the man



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whom Bowman places second in his list is the man  
whom we hope to get as your assistant.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



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C W HENDEL.



June 27th, 1929.

Dr. Charles W. Hendle, Jr.,  
Princeton University,  
New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Hendle:-

The Committee met on Tuesday and decided to recommend to the Board of Governors your appointment to the Fotheringham Chair of Moral Philosophy, with the rank of Professor, the initial salary to be \$5,500.00 per annum, with increases as merited; the appointment to date from the 1st of September next.

If this is satisfactory to you you may make your arrangements accordingly, for it may be some time before the Board meets and formally approves.

You will be interested to know that the Appointments Committee wish to recommend as an Assistant to the Department a man whose Philosophic training would be complementary to your own and whose accession to the staff would give it a fair chance. No decision has yet been reached.

As I told you, I am most anxious that the Department of Moral Philosophy should be so strengthened that it can take its rightful place in the Faculty of Arts in the University. You will have a hearty welcome to McGill and, I believe, will find yourself in a congenial and happy environment.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



McGILL UNIVERSITY  
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FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

December 6, 1929

Sir Arthur W Currie, Principal,  
McGill University.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

The guests I should like to have with us on the occasion of the dinner Friday the 13th at 7.30 o'clock, when Dr. Porteous will be here are: Dr. Eve, Dean Corbett, and Professor Carleton Stanley, of the University, and, if it is not too much, Dr. Lynn R Hough, of the American Presbyterian Church. All these men have taken pains to welcome me and to interest themselves in the development of philosophy in this community. There are numerous others, to be sure, but I have chosen those whom I may call my friends.

*Currie  
McKay  
Hendel  
Porteous  
McCall.  
Corbett.  
Stanley  
Hough  
Eve*

It seems to me unnecessary to have you invite the student President of the Society. All alone in the group of older men he would be lost; and perhaps our table-talk would be restrained by his presence. Nor is he so much more important than the Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer—all three of them and I meet together on the program of the Society and its policy. To choose one would be a little unfair. In case you want to know the names they are: Robert Pursley, Pres.; D.N. MacMillan (grad.) Vice Pres.; David L Tough, Secy-Treas. (3rd year Arts) My opinion is that they will feel sufficiently honored to have you entertain their Society that evening, a view which they have already expressed of their own accord.

I take it that your entertaining of the Society is to signalise publicly ~~announce~~ your interest in the study of philosophy and that you have no objection to our giving out this meeting at your house as a piece of campus news to the Daily, since that is the way it will make its impression on the rest of the University.

Faithfully yours,

*C W Hendel*