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Dear Riddell,

I was glad to have your really magnificent application form. It is a type of document that I had not seen before, but a memento which I value. I trust the heavy artillery you have brought to bear will undermine the morale of the besieged and lead to a speedy capitulation.

I am afraid I do not know Sir George Mitchell, though I was present at the Congestion you refer to. Possibly he and I eyed each other distantly, with a kind of wonder at the kind of people who get nominated as delegates to International Conventions. I have the lowest possible opinion of Boards appointed to make University nominations; so I suppose the whole thing is a matter of chance, and in any case you might, as you say, be easier to make the income in practice, though you might not like it so well. It is, though, very surprising how people suddenly show themselves to be very enlightened, after you have long taken the opposite for granted.

Yours sincerely,