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Dear Professor Jeans,

Your letter informing me of Prof. Cesàro's desire to come to this country was received in due time. I hope you will kindly excuse the delay in answering it; I had at that time absolutely no suggestions to offer although Prof. Cesàro's intention had long been known to me. In the mean while I have made some inquiries concerning the matter. I hear that changes in the mathematical staff are likely to occur at Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Md.) and at the University of Chicago. Either one of these universities would

offer a promising field of work for a man of Prof. Cesàro's standing. I must add, however, that my information is very vague so far, and I do not know what particular changes are expected; indeed, I am somewhat in doubt whether Prof. Cesàro could find a suitable position in Chicago. Nevertheless it might be well for him to ^{write to} both institutions. I would suggest that Prof. Cesàro should write to Prof. E. H. Moore, who is at the head of the mathematical department in Chicago, and also perhaps to Prof. Oskar Bolza, of the same university. At Johns Hopkins University it would be well to address both President Gilman and Prof. Newcomb.

There must also be a vacancy at Austin, Texas, as Prof. Dickson has just accepted a call to Chicago. But it seems somewhat questionable whether Prof. Cesàro would find the atmosphere of Texas congenial. The state university at Austin is a small institution and the mathematical courses are probably of a rather elementary character. Prof. G. B. Halsted is at the head of the mathematical department.

The international mathematical meeting at Paris will offer Prof. Cesàro a good opportunity for meeting American mathematicians and making his intentions known. Perhaps Prof. W. F. Osgood, of Harvard University, who is spending this year in Europe and is now at Göttingen, will be able to be of assistance to Prof. Cesàro.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you very heartily for your kindness in sending me the Revue de mathématiques and the exceedingly interesting Formulaire de mathématiques, and believe me to remain, with best wishes,

yours very truly

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