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Mr. F. W. Ward,
Registrar, Macdonald College,
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Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith the formal report of my annual visit to your High School. The report shows that good work is being done in your school and that there is much to commend in the efforts your Institution is putting forth to provide high school facilities for the locality in which Macdonald College is situated.

There are, however, certain weak spots in the situation to which I think it well to call your attention. One of these is that you are offering a rather limited number of the optional subjects prescribed for the higher grades. Owing to this your high school pupils are unable to take the maximum number of units allowed for the High School Leaving Certificate. This limitation of subjects taught is scarcely justifiable in a school such as yours. I would recommend that next year you add another science subject to the optional subjects offered. If you could make the same arrangement for the teaching of Chemistry that you are now making for Physics, it would meet the need adequately.

Another weak spot in the situation lies in the fact that you have 41 pupils in Grades 8 and 9, all under one teacher. 35 pupils to a teacher is the maximum suggested by the Regulations, and while fairly good work may be done with 40 pupils if they are all in the same grade, you cannot expect the best results with so many pupils when they are in two different grades. I would strongly recommend that next year you provide separate teachers for these two grades.

Again, I regret that you still find it necessary to use a room in the basement for part of the training given the Kindergarten pupils. The room is very unsuitable for that purpose, and while your Kindergarten Assistant shows considerable aptitude for handling kindergarten children, you are practically making it impossible for her to accomplish but a small part of what she might accomplish had you suitable surroundings in which she might work. The engagement of a kindergarten assistant has resulted in much better work being