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In this Province some of the professions are closed to women. They are not yet admitted to the practice of law and only last year the first women graduating in Medicine received their degrees. There will always be found, and I think there should be found, women physicians, but generally speaking the worries and anxieties of the medical profession are such that not a great many women will enter the profession. It is my belief that men generally are willing to assume responsibility with a greater degree of confidence than women. At McGill we have not yet admitted women to the Faculty of Applied Science, but were we to throw it open I do not think that many women would avail themselves of that privilege, nor do I ever look forward to the time when our engineering professions will find many women in them. In that connection, I see no reason why some women should not do very well as Architects.

Answering your first question categorically, I would say that it was desirable that women should continue their education beyond the undergraduate course. The reasons for this conclusion are many. A women can never hope to be considered for the best positions if her degrees are inferior. The higher degree should signify, and usually does signify, a greater knowledge of the subject, a broader vision, a greater reasoning power, and altogether places the holder in a more advantageous position to pursue her work in life.

Answering number four, I would conclude that there are few women in higher academic or executive positions because there are fewer women with the higher degrees, and also (here I know you will say I am oldfashioned) I consider men generally make better executive officers than women.

In number five you ask why so few women are interested in research. I think this will always be the case and I, for one, will not be very sorry. I never knew a woman who added anything to her attractiveness by her ability in research problems. I am quite sure that many women will do