

Sir William Peterson a répondu, dès le lendemain, par cette lettre de regret, dont il a expressément autorisé la publication :

Montreal, 4th March, 1918.

To His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal,

My Dear Archbishop,

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and am glad to give you at once the assurance that it was with the greatest possible regret, that I read what was published in Friday's " Gazette " of Mr. Nicholson's address.

Perhaps you may have had the opportunity of reading in this morning's issue of the same paper a letter from him in which he complains of the undue prominence given to that portion of what was intended to be a comprehensive educational address dealing with what he called hindrances to our national unity.

Mr. Nicholson pleads that he was speaking as a private individual to an outside literary society. But I have told him very emphatically that he made a great mistake in imagining that any utterance of his could fail to be associated in the public mind with the university of which he is an officer.

I deeply regret the incident, and while I have not the authority, on our system, of control the utterances of the various members of our numerous staff, I should have done everything possible, if I had known beforehand, to prevent the inclusion in Dr. Nicholson's address of references which must naturally be very objectionable to the main body of our french speaking fellow citizens.

With great respect, I am, yours very sincerely,

(Signed) W. PETERSON.

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