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REPORT TO THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Dear Mr. Dean:

As only occasional students apply for permission to take work in the Graduate School in connection with my Department, I do not feel that I have had sufficient direct experience of such work to enable me to make generalizations that would be likely to be of much use to you. Perhaps, however, I might make one or two observations on our students in general.

I have always felt it desirable that we should refrain from encouraging students to seek to enter the Graduate School who are not distinctly above the average. At the same time, I realize that we sometimes have students well fitted for such work who have not the type of mind that enables them to take high honours under undergraduate conditions.

I have felt for a long time that a larger number of undergraduates could be rendered fit for work in the Graduate School if they could only have a longer and more rigorous training in Logic. Personally, I should like to see success in Logic made an absolute condition for admission to the Graduate School in the case of all graduates of the Faculty of Arts who have not reached a high standing in Mathematics. It does not seem to me that it is of very much consequence whether a student comes to us with an extensive or even a limited knowledge of other Arts subjects, provided he has had the