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My dear John:-

Since I last wrote, I have had a long talk with Prof. Elder, Head of the Agriculture Section of the Moodie Schools, Mount Hermon. I have also had the privilege of going over the School properties with him.

I will at once admit that on going into the matter more in detail, and making special enquiries, which I had not previously done, I find that the ideals and objects of Mount Hermon are not exactly what I had supposed, and that while many things can be learned from its agricultural department, that department as a whole could not be taken as your model. I did however learn a good deal, and had my own ideas further clarified on various points.

One of the most vital of these points is the standard set for admission to Macdonald College. That I understand is the same as for matriculation at McGill. Have you ever stopped to think what that means? How many farmers' sons can come up to that standard? Why should it be considered necessary that a young farmer should pass such a high standard of examination? Of what value are Latin and Algebra, for example, to a practical farmer? Is it not a fact that by your entrance examination you