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Dear Sir Arthur:-

The following is an excerpt from a letter, which I have received from Dr. W.O. Rothney, Professor of Education at Bishop's University, namely:-

"I am today in receipt of a copy of the prospectus of courses in Education for 1930-31, issued by McGill. It seems to me to be very meagre training for the High School Diploma. It is certainly not more than one third of what is being given at Bishop's. I think the time has come when we should insist on at least one year of graduate work in Education being done by candidates for the High School Diploma. I do not see how any profession could approve of less than one year of professional training. With the short year that McGill has, the least that could be expected would be 15 hours per week, lectures in Education. McGill is offering only six. In Bishop's we are giving 15 hours per week lectures, and five half-days teaching per week, from the 20th of September to the end of May. Moreover, McGill is still intending to continue the policy of crowding the work in Education in, along with the Arts work.

"It is evident that, if students are determined to secure their degrees, which they must secure, if they are to receive high school diplomas, they are going to do as little in Education as they can without actually failing.

"I call your attention to the McGill prospectus lest among your many duties you may not notice the paucity of training suggested. I presume the Protestant Committee will be asked to approve of the training prescribed."

I understand that Dr. Rexford had a meeting on Saturday of his Sub-Committee, which dealt with the subject of the "A" Diploma, but I was in New York and could not attend.

I am not familiar with the contentions set forth by Dr. Rothney; in fact, I thought the situation was otherwise, and that McGill was giving adequate work.