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trying to aim too much at erudition in both the arts and sciences and too little at the careful, craftsmanly training of the student. One subject done thoroughly well is much better than a large number of subjects done in a hasty and imperfect way.

The second year in your draft is better than at present insofar as it contains five hours less work, two hours in the Physics laboratory and three hours in the Biological laboratory. I am still, however, inclined to think that the number of hours is too great. As I remember my own laboratory experience, an hour of laboratory work usually calls for distinctly more independent study and home work than a corresponding hour of lectures. I am inclined to think, however, that probably we cannot reduce the hours very much in this year. Only one question, therefore, remains and that is the question whether these students are to be allowed to take another Arts subject in the second year or are to be required to take Physics 1M. There is also the incidental consideration that the Arts subjects are already given and Physics 1M is an additional class which would have to be given at additional expense to the University. This, as I see it, is a question which must be decided wholly by the Medical School and the scientific departments. I do not feel myself qualified to hold the balance between the arts and science subjects so delicately as to say which of these courses should be adopted. Indeed, in all this matter I am only interested in seeing that the science departments and the Medical School come to some understanding that will be reasonably easy for me to administer from this office.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir Arthur Currie,