

October 9, 1924.

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Dear Mr. Bacon:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 29th regarding West's "World Progress." I note that you say that the criticism of this book emanates from the Professors of History of this University, and also that you have the impression that there was some discussion between the Department of Teachers and the Text-book Committee.

While I am interested in the position, I feel that I should point out to you that this interest is as a member of the Protestant School Committee. As Principal of the University I cannot in any way interfere with the work of the Text-book Committee or with any other part of the School Committee. It would indeed be most improper for me to do so.

Again I must draw your attention to the fact that the activities of the Professors of this College outside of the University are entirely their own concern, and what Professor Williams and Professor Waugh may judge fit to say in meetings held or reports made by the History Association of Montreal, is not a subject regarding which the authorities of the University or myself as its Principal, would intervene.

The fact that the History Association chooses to recommend certain text-books can certainly not be taken as indicating any official approval on the part of the University. The History Association is primarily an association of teachers, and has no official connection with the University. I do not think I need give you any further explanation to show you that it would be quite incorrect for me to interfere in any way in the present controversy, and while I should be glad to see Mr. Yates, it would be quite impossible for me to discuss with him the status of West's "World Progress."

Yours faithfully,