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Dr. A. W. Thornton,  
Dean, Faculty of Dentistry,  
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Dear Dr. Thornton:-

I feel ashamed of myself that I have not written before this with further reference to our conversation on the morning of June 11th regarding the appointment of teachers in the Faculty of Dentistry.

Apparently we are now about to inaugurate the practice of engaging fulltime teachers. I most cordially support such a practice because I believe there are certain departments of our Dental School which can be supervised best by a man giving all his time and attention to that department. This is not to imply that I do not most sincerely appreciate the great services rendered by the part-time men, but in Dentistry as in Medicine, if we are to become a really great school, we must make contributions to Dental Science. It is in that aspect of the work, namely the research side, that I think full-time men would be most usefully employed.

Dentistry has made wonderful strides in the last twenty years and I believe the next twenty will be more wonderful still. It ought to be our intention and determination that the McGill Dental School would make a positive contribution. I believe in any appointment of full-time men we should bear in mind the three qualifications such an appointee should have. He ought to be a good teacher, a good clinician and a good researcher. That means we must have men whose