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TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF DACCA, BENGAL.

Sir, - I beg to submit this my application for the vacant Chair of Education in the University of Dacca. I base my application not on my past record, for I have done little but learn, but on the belief of some of my friends that I have it in me to do adequate work, and on my own belief that I am now in a position to state certain problems of education in a profitable way.

Having refused as a boy to choose a profession before going to Oxford, I was sent into business: when I gave that up, my father would have no more to do with me. My training, therefore, has been a long struggle. By stating what I tried to learn, I may give some idea of my attitude towards Education.

I spoke French and German in the nursery: I began Greek in Paris before I went to school, and my tutor gave me my first notions of History by showing me where to find the old buildings of Paris.

At Marlborough I learned what I had to in school: but out of school I worked hard at Astronomy, Mathematics and Painting.

While abroad, studying business methods, I had a German tutor, who taught me how to listen to music and to read Faust. His atheism was perplexing, but perhaps good, for a very pious Marlborough boy.

While in business (when I resigned I was private secretary to the senior partner of Messrs. Muser Bros., of New York) I read chiefly English literature, working through most of the books mentioned by Taine in his history of English literature.

When struggling with journalism, I spent most of my time at the British Museum reading chiefly Greek literature: I read a considerable part of the work of the great dramatists in four languages.

When I began to starve on journalism, I took work as a private tutor: during this time I became one of the Editors of the Arden Shakespeare, and spent much time with Mr Craig and his wonderful collections of notes on Elizabethan England.

While at Berkhamsted I was chiefly interested in Theology, Philosophy and social work: I spent my holidays at the Oxford House in Bethnal Green: I was one of the original Committee of the Agenda Club: and a member of the Borstal Association. My ideas at this time were much influenced by Professor Westermarck and Professor Hobhouse at Clare Market.

Since leaving Berkhamsted in 1912, I have worked chiefly at Philosophy, Education and Languages (of which I know three well and others more or less badly). In Philosophy I have been most influenced by the work of Vaihinger, Henry Head, Loeb and D'Arcy Thomson. In the practice of Education I owe much to Mr Frank Fletcher (of Charterhouse), Dr. David and Mr Simpson (of Rugby), Mr Homer Lane and others; in the theory of Education I think I owe most to the Jesuits, the Scouts and to some of my pupils at Charter-