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Dr. Ira MacKay,
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Dear Dr. MacKay,

I am in receipt of your inquiry regarding my views concerning the establishment of a Twelfth Grade contemplated by the Public School Authorities of the Province.

If, as suggested in your letter, this Twelfth Grade involves the establishment of Honour Courses in our First Year my answer is very brief. I am on principle strongly opposed to herding or enticing our deplorably immature First Year students into Honour Courses which by their very nature preclude the acquisition of that general culture which it ought to be the function of an Arts Faculty to impart and which our schools cannot and certainly do not give them. Beginning the mischief in a Twelfth Grade at school would only make matters worse.

Yours faithfully

J. MacKay