

August 23rd 1923.

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Albany, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of August 21st, addressed to Dr. Nicholson, has been referred to me for acknowledgement, Dr. Nicholson being on his vacation at the present time.

You have given three reasons why the application of the Dental School of McGill University for registration in the State of New York has been refused.

(1) Because the preliminary requirement is short. This point may not have been quite clear to you. I would refer you to page 10 of our Announcement of the Faculty of Dentistry, where it states that for the Session 1923-24, in addition to Matriculation, four years High School plus two years College in an English University, is required before a candidate can be admitted to the study of Dental Surgery in the Province of Quebec.

(2) Although Physics is not a compulsory subject amongst the entrance requirements, prospective students are encouraged to study Physics, and at the present time 75% of those who enter for Dentistry have completed Matriculation requirements in this subject. The University policy is to make Physics a compulsory subject in the entrance requirements.

(3) You state that many of our subjects are short in hours required. This no doubt appears to be the case because we tried to follow your form in giving these particulars. I now enclose a statement which shows subjects in the different years, and the number of hours in each, as the course is given at McGill. In some of these courses the number of hours is less than you require. On the other hand I would point out that in others the reverse is the case, and that our sum total for the course is 4405 against your requirements of 4000.