

Copy of letter from
Miss Cartwright to Dr. Lamb.

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Dear Dr. Lamb:

I regret I have been so long sending you the following statement. You will remember at our last conversation on the subject on Thursday March 24th, we decided I should send this in. Meanwhile we agreed to keep the matter confidential.

Needless to say I have had the whole situation constantly in mind and I will try and put the case as it appears to me.

You are already aware that I am very dissatisfied with my present status under the newly organized Department of Physical Education. Under the old regime I initiated new regulations, organized and developed the women's work as far as I could, slowly year by year. I did not get all I wanted or deemed desirable, but it was impossible to get the Faculty of Arts to go further until Physical Education for men was firmly established too.

Now under the present arrangement I am isolated professionally and entirely cut off from hearing or taking part in discussions to do with the future policy of the D. of P.E. -- the first news I get of these meetings is through the papers.

McGill University is now co-educational (except in the Faculty of Applied Science) and as the D. of P.E. develops new regulations will be necessary and will surely apply equally to men and women: and the question of future accommodation is already a very acute one. Therefore a woman representative with experience on the Committee in charge of Physical Education is ~~prad~~ of practical importance, when matters affecting students in general are discussed -- added to which an arrangement of this kind would be valuable experience for all concerned.

When the D. of P.E. was organized instead of receiving promotion which it seems to me I could reasonably expect after my record with the women undergraduates and the School, I was given a far less important position carrying less prestige in the University and in Montreal. This was done by those who were responsible for bringing the present Department into existence - without any real consultation with me, in that I had no alternative but to fall in with plans already decided upon.