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Dr. J.S. Ibbotson,  
10 Victoria St.,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Ibbotson;

Dr. Thornton has handed over to me your letter of the 15th inst. concerning the granting of a degree to Mr. Bond, and I address my reply directly to you, as it seems very desirable that the question should be settled as soon as possible.

I am afraid, as matters now stand, that it is not possible that Mr. Bond should be given the degree of D.C.L. 'in course'.

In the organization of the Graduate Faculty definite regulations have been made with regard to the granting of higher degrees. The prerequisites for a degree of D.C.L. are: the lapse of seven years since graduation, a thesis on a subject previously approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and constituting "a valuable contribution to legal science", or a published book "dealing in a scientific way with some branch or branches of law."

You will observe that Dr. Bond's course of lectures in the University does not fulfil the requirement as to previous approval laid down for the thesis, nor does it seem possible that it could properly be termed "a valuable contribution to legal science." It must be remembered that higher degrees are given in recognition of advanced studies, whereas the course in dental jurisprudence constitutes in reality only one section of more elementary work, and is not designed for students with no legal training.