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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Principal:

It is not necessary for me to state that I deeply regret having made a mistake in the solution of the problem in Question 6 of the School Leaving Physics Paper of June, 1931. On the other hand, my record of the past twenty years at this institution and in this city as a citizen is sufficiently satisfactory to allow at least one instance of failure without my having to apologize with too great personal humility. I admit that my solution of the problem referred to was wrong; at the same time, the portion of the paper involved by such error was a very small percentage of the whole. A loss or an error of 5 marks in 1,000, which is the total assigned to the whole set of examinations, is no doubt well within the possible error limit in any other paper.

As a teacher my record will bear the inspection of any educational authority. The Director of the Physics Department has told me in the presence of my confreres that he never yet has heard a single adverse criticism of my lecture work. As an executive, my ability is borne out by the fact that for fourteen years I have been Chairman of a Protestant School Board at the request of my fellow-citizens. During that time I have built up one of the best educational organizations in the Province of Quebec. This work was done, of course, as a service resulting from my sense of duty as a citizen. My ability has also been testified to by the request of various municipalities to continue a second term as member of the City's Protestant Central Board, which deals with financial problems relating to Protestant education.