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examiners, who entirely disapprove of his professed attitude. There are two or three points that I do not think advisable to discuss in a letter but which I should like to talk over with you sometime.

I may add, however, that when discussing the probable causes for the drop in the average standard of candidates for practice at the Bar, the Laval professors stated that the students now are not giving the same attention to their studies as students did a few years ago. They spoke of a number of distractions inside and outside the University that take up the time of the students and draw their attention away from their studies. Of these, athletics play a relatively small part in Laval University, but the social side of the student life seems to have developed somewhat as it has in McGill to the distinct detriment of serious study. I was told that, for these reasons, it was extremely difficult to maintain the old standard in the University, and that there are in consequence a much larger number of failures in the University examinations than there were formerly. They recognize that it is easier for a student to pass examinations in the University than at the Bar, because (1) he has the guidance of his professor in the field upon which he is to be examined and he inevitably comes to know what his professor deems most important and is therefore likely to ask questions about; (2) in the University only one subject is dealt with on each examination paper, whereas there are four or five subjects on each of the two papers at the Bar examinations, with resultant confusion in the minds of all but the best prepared students; (3) the University examinations are spread over a number of days or even weeks, whereas the Bar examinations, covering the same field, are crowded into a single day; and (4) the pass mark of the University is never more than 50%, whereas the pass mark at the Bar for the three principal fields of Law, namely, Civil, Criminal and Civil Procedure, is 66-2/3%. So it constantly happens that their graduates fail at the Bar examination, though their experience is the same as our own that a first-class man is rarely among the failures.

May I in conclusion briefly state my own opinion?

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