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Dean Adams,
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Dear Sir,

In the past I have had correspondence with the late Principal and also with Dr Nicholson regarding the subject of Geography.

I am tempted to write to you to enlist your sympathy and aid that McGill might take a greater interest in this subject which of today is of paramount importance.

In the past, I understand that the Matriculation Board "did not consider Geography a subject to be placed on par with Physics or Chemistry in the existing condition of the school curriculum."

I venture to enclose a syllabus which I think does compare very favourably with ~~with~~ that of Physics and Chemistry as at present these subjects are taught in this Province.

Regarding the part of the syllabus referring to North America, I may say that Messrs Dent and Son, are preparing a text, written by me and ^{is} framed on this syllabus.

Inasmuch as Geography is necessary for the School Leaving Examination, I beg you to earnestly consider the advisability of including this subject at least as optional in the regular Matriculation. Much would be accomplished if this could be done, it would give the work a much needed stimulus, and I feel certain that when once teachers and others find the possibilities which this subject offers, there would soon be a demand for advanced courses in the work.

At many of the English and Scottish Universities, it is possible to obtain an Honours Degree in Geography alone. In the American Universities, there are Post-graduate courses. In Canada, there is no course.

I take pleasure in enclosing ^{under separate cover} "The Geographical Teacher", and commend to your notice the Lecture on page 44. I also enclose private information concerning a Resolution passed by the Geographical Association; I should be pleased if you would kindly return this to me.

I beg to apologise for the privilege I have taken by writing to you. Your own work has been a valuable contribution to this subject, and I feel certain you will give the claims of