

Curriculum

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Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of November 25th and now wish to reply as follows. No course of study for the practical training of journalists is offered at present at McGill University. The foundation of a Department of Chair in Journalism has, however, been discussed recently by some interested parties, both within and without the University, and a Department may possibly be set up in the future, if sufficient funds can be found.

There are many people interested, however, who think that the best course for an intending journalist is a scholarly course of study in such subjects as English Composition, English Literature, History, Politics and Economics, and that the technique and practice of newspaper reporting and editing can best be learned by actual experience. After all, a University cannot equip any student fully for the practice of any profession. The best that it can do is to carefully prepare the student to begin his practice, with the hope of a larger future success. I, myself, should welcome the foundation of a Chair at McGill College devoted to a special study of methods of Journalism, and I am also inclined to think that most of my colleagues are of that mind.

Yours faithfully,