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Dr. Nicholson
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Montreal

Dear Dr. Nicholson:-

At a meeting of the Protestant Central Board of Examiners held on July 29th the general question of the professional training received by University graduates to qualify them for Academy diplomas was considered in connection with the report that was made some two years ago by Dr. Rexford and myself.

Owing to the absence of Dr. Rexford and Professor Dale doing war work in England after the report in question was made the Central Board preferred to leave the general question in abeyance.

The Central Board, however, feels very strongly that in both Universities there should be a reorganization of the professional training, in order to make it more effective and somewhat in keeping with the present day demands. It therefore decided to ask for courses for Academy diplomas in McGill and Bishop's in conformity with the following outline:-

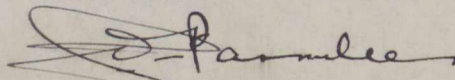
- 1 Graduation in some Canadian or other British University with degree courses that are considered by the Central Board satisfactory preparation for the work of a teacher.
- 2 Psychology and Principles of Education; History of Education.
- 3 Methods of Teaching: (a) Principles of general method, (b) Special methods in elementary subjects, (c) Special methods in High School subjects.
- 4 School and class management: (a) School administration and school law & Regulations of the Province, (b) Class management and discipline, (c) Physical Training - Strathcona certificate Grade B - , and organized school games.
- 5 Practice teaching and criticism under expert supervision.

Note Nos 2 and 3 to form at least a two hour course per week for a College session, and Nos 4 and 5 to form at least a two hour course per week for a college session; the practice teaching to include at least 50 half days under supervision.

I have therefore to ask whether McGill is prepared to meet the conditions which are here laid down, during the coming College year, it being understood of course that paragraphs 2, 3, & 4 are not to be considered as a Syllabus but as an outline of minimum requirements upon which the Universities should prepare a detailed Syllabus. You will notice that paragraph 1 will give a greater choice in regard to the faculties in which the candidate may graduate in order to become eligible for a diploma, but this can become effective only after a change has been made in the Regulations of the Protestant Committee. In regard to paragraph 5 information should be given to shew in what schools practice teaching can be carried on, and under whose supervision and personal observation the practice teaching is to be done.

Although I sent you a copy of the report of July 30th, 1918, shortly after that date, I attach another hereto in case you should care to refresh your memory as to its contents.

Yours truly,


Secretary