

always react beneficially on each other, and a curtailment of freedom in investigation strangles progress.

Finally, it is recommended that a committee be appointed with reference to the annual choice of a Somerville Lecturer on Natural History, with a stipend of \$100. a year. I suggest the Directors of Zoology, Botany, the President of the Sigma Xi, and the Dean of Science. It is as important to secure a good audience as to invite a good lecturer.

The number of outside lecturers who come to McGill is now sufficient so far as University professors and students are concerned. If there is further increase of lectures it should be clearly understood that these are for the public, and there should be no obligation on the part of professors or students to attend them.

Great care in selecting none but the ablest lecturers is also essential. These reflections are quite general and have no reference to any individuals. It must be remembered that professors and students give and receive many hours of lectures, week after week, during the session. A moderate number of outside lectures is sufficient, and those only of high quality on the most modern material.

The teaching of Mathematics and Physics and Chemistry in High Schools in the Province of Quebec demands attention. There is a shortage of competent and well trained teachers, and the profession is not sufficiently attractive.