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Byerson Memorial Fund.

DEAR SIR,

Although commissioned by the General Committee to address to you an Official Circular, on the non-receipt of any acknowledgment of the Circular of Appeal from the Committee, yet I think it desirable to send to you this private note, with a view to enlist your personal sympathy and co-operation.

Personally, I confess that I feel more than surprised that the great services of my venerated friend, for over thirty years, have been so little appreciated, that even a dollar or two would not be contributed by each school to the grateful and generous object of erecting an enduring Memorial to the founder of our educational system. Of his valued services to his native country you and I are fully aware.

Permit me to suggest a simple way of securing a response from each school: You might request the Teacher to give notice that, on the following week, he would devote *five minutes* at noon of each day to taking down a list of contributions (from a cent upwards) to the Fund.

In this way the pupils—and every one in the locality, through the children—would have an opportunity of contributing his or her mite to the erection of a Statue to one of Canada's most useful and most honoured sons.

Believe me, very sincerely,
Your friend and fellow-labourer,

J. GEORGE HODGINS.

TORONTO, 1st November, 1882.