Psychology

This department has an excellent laboratory. The plan is convenient, the fixtures and commections perfect, and the necessary equipment is being slowly assembled. I need not repeat, too, what I have said so often before both by spoken and written word, that the policy of the College is to make the very best possible use of this laboratory for the mutual advantage of both the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Medicine. There are, however, some very complex and very abstruse questions in relation to this subject which will have to be settled some time, but I cannot discuss them here. I should have to write a learned treatise to do so.

Sociology

The subject called Sociology, as I understand it at present, is apt to become a conglomerate of elementary Economics, Political Science, Social Ethics, Psychology, Social Therapeutics and other cognate subjects and is, therefore, often too apt in practice to overlap these other departments of study in the University. I am not finding fault with our Department of Sociology at McGill. Far from that. I am only pointing out a situation which seems to be true in all Universities which entertain a department of social studies. The subject called Sociology, therefore, is really not so much a new subject as a new novement, and this movement should undoubtedly be followed by the Universities with the utmost interest and sympathy, tempered always by careful criticism. The beginnings of this movement in the University are not difficult to discover. The traditional college of liberal education has always been divided into two groups or faculties of subjects, viz., the Arts and the Sciences. In Great Britain two great Universities are the result of this division of emphasis in higher education, namely, Oxford devoted mainly to the Arts, and Cambridge, devoted mainly to the Sciences. Thereby, too, hang some very profound problems which the Motherland must now solve for herself. The modern University, however, especially I should say the Universities on this Contiment, is really divided into three groups of studies, namely, the Arts or Humanities, the Sociologies and the Sciences. The first of these groups covers the following