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Dear General Mitchell:-

I must apologize for not having before this replied to your letter of February 9th. I can only plead extreme pressure of work.

In reply to your enquiries, I may say that some years ago the Faculty of Applied Science of McGill University gave very careful study to the subjects which should be included in their curriculum, as well as the arrangement of the same. They decided on the course as at present given, in which practically all the branches of Applied Science have their first and second years in common; thus laying down a good basis for the study of engineering. In the third year a certain amount of divergence is arranged for. Whereas in the fourth year the seven branches of Engineering instruction become quite separate and distinct.

Our experience during the years since this plan has been adopted leads us to believe that this plan is a good and sound one, striking the middle path between a too detailed specialization and of a course which is too general in character.

With reference to your question concerning the advisability of having a course to be taken by men entering general business or commercial pursuits allied with Engineering, I may say that we have no such course. A course of this kind was for many years carried on in the Sheffield Science School, which is the Faculty of Applied Science of Yale University. This has, I believe, recently been