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My dear Mr. Nickle:-

Your letter of October 23rd touches on a question which has caused us a great deal of thought.

We have established a limit to the number of entrants in the Faculties of Medicine and Arts. In Medicine the number is fixed at 100 - a very small leeway above this is allowed to cover special cases, but this year the class is just 100. This number is not selected in an arbitrary fashion, but represents, in the opinion of those best qualified to judge, the maximum class which can be thoroughly instructed at a clinic. Our new buildings are constructed to meet the needs of classes of this size, so that now we have an additional reason for maintaining the present figure. We could not increase it without a very large expenditure on new buildings and additional staff.

In Arts the limit for the first year is about 400. This number is fixed by the size of our buildings. The Arts Building (McGill College) cannot contain a larger freshman class - in addition to the students in the senior years. Any extension here would mean the erection of a new college, and we have no such intention at present. I may tell you, confidentially, that we have found it necessary to take race, nationality and religion into account and to make our selection in accordance with the requirements of various sections of the population. One result of this has been to reduce the attendance of Hebrews - who now form less than 10% of the student body. This we consider a reasonable proportion. A secondary result is that the Hebrews selected are exceptionally good representatives of their