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On Tuesday, February 10, there appeared in the McGill Daily an extract from "The Varsity" entitled "Dr. Silberstein Compares Colleges". In speaking of McGill Dr. Silberstein is stated to have remarked as follows: "In considering the teaching staffs of McGill had admirable talent but that it was largely reserved for the higher years, and lectures to froshmen were rather inferior." These are the exact words printed in the McGill Daily.

Those who know Dr. Silberstein and the conditions under which the interview was given will have no difficulty in forming a just valuation of the article. But the general public and a great many at McGill do not know Dr. Silberstein, nor the conditions under which the interview was given. Moreover the fact remains that he intended originally to send his son to McGill and that he finally decided to send him to Toronto. Hence it appears desirable to make a concise statement as to the situation.

ORDINARY OR PASS CLASSES

We affirm without hesitation that the general instruction given to ordinary students in the Faculty of Arts, Applied Science, Medicine, Dentistry and Commerce, both in laboratory and lecture room, compare favourably with that given at Toronto or at any other University in North America. The general organization and efficiency of teaching are sound and good.

ACCOMMODATION

Nevertheless it must be pointed out that the work is carried out under great difficulty. At McGill we have one large lecture room; at Toronto they have three large lecture rooms: so that there is more time there for the preparation of lectures and it is possible to handle more than one large class at a time, which we cannot do at McGill. At McGill there is one elementary laboratory and at Toronto there are about five elementary laboratories: so that at McGill the apparatus has to be constantly changed to suit the various classes, while at Toronto the various subjects