

especially the recent damned SSX-stuff
of Freud, and the old psychology that was 1/2
physics and 1/2 physiology

I would say the same thing about Dr H. They know that I think this about them and their lack of reasoned belief in the personality of man. They would say that I do not take the laboratory point of view, and that the future of the Department is dark because I do not take it. By God, Sir, it would be dark if I did.

Do not mistake stirrings and strugglings and antagonism in a Department for a condemnation of it, for calling it unsatisfactory. They are birth-pangs.

I object to the idea that I have presided over the destinies of the Department. No man can make the destiny of another man, unless we believe in the faulty scientific determinism of some psychologists, and scientists. Men make their own destiny. Then the destinies in Philosophy have been partly determined by the action of your predecessor. Dr T. had a very serious war with the late Principal when he came back from the War. He tried to hold up your predecessor and made himself very objectionable.

As to the matter of promotion and an independent Department, Dr T. took the ground when he came here that a Dr Degree from Harvard was quite enough to make a man a Professor anywhere. I told him years ago that I did not see this. I always told him to publish things that would give him a name outside McGill. I have heard him begin again and again to criticise the standing of Professors in the University who had an international name in their subjects. He and Dr H. have always been tremendous critics of the past policy of the University.

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I think I had better stop meantime. I want to say definitely that I have been profoundly dissatisfied with some things obtaining in the Department of Philosophy - it is not mine, and it could not be, it is the University's. I am just as much against these men in many ways as they are against me. The complaints that I have got against them for years (and your predecessor used to hear them and pass them on to me) were enough to sink a Department of Philosophy. I bore with them because (1) these men were in the University and were placed there just as much as I had been; (2) because I thought that they would out-grow them when they were older and had more experience of life. I thought they would out-grow their scientific prejudices against Philosophy. I think that Dr T. has to some extent. But Dr H. is still a good deal of a voltarian - out to smash something or their logical grounds - illogical to him. There is a big battle between us, and it is a life battle.

Prague University is facing the same thing about the appointment of a Psychologist. The Professors of Philosophy disbelieve in a whole lot of stuff that has been taught under the name of Psychology.

The University, however, will be obliged to have a Department of Psychology, and it must be free, for they

Voltarian free thinkers