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Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to the attached letter I may say that each case of stammering is an individual one and requires individual treatment. The reason is that the causes vary with each person so afflicted. Treatment, therefore, depends upon ascertaining the cause or causes. The beginnings may have been very simple such as a momentary difficulty in pronouncing some word or letter. This embarrassment may then spread to other parts of speech or may still in adult life be confined to certain words, or even certain words in a particular context. Overhaste in speaking combined with incorrect breathing may be another cause.

The best thing for this young man to do is to see a good psychiatrist or neurologist and follow his advice. In its essentials the treatment is largely re-educational.

Very respectfully yours,

*William D. Fair*