

*To Sir Arthur Cumming*

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My dear Carleton,-

I hope you are well and that things go smoothly. I have been in Montreal twice recently but only for the day and have had no opportunity of seeing you. I hope to be there in the near future for longer and to see you.

At the suggestion of Mr. Riddell, one of the Board of the Trafalgar Institute, I went last night to see Miss Cumming, who had expressed the desire to consult with me regarding a proposal to acquire the Ogilvie property adjacent to the school premises. I imagine the reason Miss Cumming wanted to see me is that with the exception of Sweezey, who is busy with other things, I am the only member of the Board with daughters of tender years to educate, and I think perhaps she imagined that I had more interest in her work than some of the others.

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I don't think I helped her much beyond agreeing with her own view that it is highly undesirable to incur a heavy obligation unless there is a real evidence on the part of some member of the Board, notably your friend Lord Atholstan, to subscribe money in large amounts, of which I may say there has been absolutely no sign.

The only good suggestion I made to her was that she should get you to come to see her, quite unofficially of course, and have the opportunity of discussing the situation with you so that you could drop a word in the ear of Sir Arthur when he comes back. This of course is entirely for your own ear, and I am not mentioning even to Mr. Riddell that I have suggested this and I think if Miss Cumming is wise she won't either.

Yours faithfully,

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