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Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to submit the following reasons for wishing not to countenance West's World Progress as a book to be used for matriculation into McGill University:-

(I) The book was neither planned nor constructed ab ini-  
tio as a history of world progress. On the contrary, it is composed mainly of extracts, paraphrased and condensed, from the nine or ten other school histories that the same author had written previously. The piecing together and the condensation have been executed in a slipshod manner, so that in places the sequence of the narrative almost disappears, whilst at the same time paragraphs have been abbreviated to a point where their outline is blurred and their meaning left vague, to the extent of destroying altogether their instructional value. As a whole, then, and in its parts, the very way in which the book was compiled destroys its clearness and its unity. In other words, the work shows every trace of being old material, written originally for another purpose, and now rather carelessly re-arranged and thrown together under a new title in order to capture a market.