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REPORT concerning Proposed Scheme under
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

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Clause "A"
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Clause "A" for a Committee of Physical Education for women concerns, it is assumed, the undergraduate women students of the University. The creation of such a Committee seems necessary, and the proposed composition of it satisfactory.

The draft provides that questions arising for discussion shall be referred to that Committee. It is not clear how far the action of the women's Committee is to be decisive.

It is to be inferred from the draft scheme and plan that the women's Committee would report to Corporation through the Committee of the Department. There should be no objection to this provided that women are represented on the Committee of the Department. Unless this were provided questions which concern women students could be settled under conditions referred to in my letter of Nov. 12th, i.e. in the absence of any woman representative and by a Committee including representatives of men undergraduates and extra University interests.

It is felt that this would not be the wish of those now advising upon organisation.

A difficulty seems to arise from the fact that the proposed Committee of the Department appears to be designed to deal with questions concerning men students especially, and in addition to be the controlling Committee of the whole Department responsible to Corporation.

Women representatives naturally would not desire to intrude upon questions especially relating to men, but on general questions women students interests would be equally concerned with those of men, e.g. for such subjects as periods of instruction, claim for a place in the University timetable, and so on.

It would appear that two things would follow from the exclusion of women from the general controlling Committee of the Department. (1) Those specially concerned with the education of women would be cut off from the enlargement of view that would come from the association in the consideration of Physical Education problems in the University, and would be subject to an isolation that would make them less able to co-operate intelligently and sympathetically in the practical working of many things that will affect the provision for all students in the University. (2) The University would lose the help of the special knowledge and experience that could be contributed e.g. by a Physical Director for women of a long and wide range of experience.

The main benefits to be expected by the College from an association with the new department could only be fully attained, it is thought, if the staff of the Department shares in the enlargement of interest and experience by being in touch with the general policy, and can only be fully effective, it is thought, if in all developments of University policy