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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Dr. E. M. Best,
Divinity Hall,
740 University St.,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Dr. Best:

I am taking the liberty of writing you at the suggestion of Mr. E. J. Chave, who is now attending Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

While in New York last week I called at the Seminary to see Mr. Chave, whom I knew quite well in our student days at McMaster, and in the course of our conversation he mentioned that he had had a letter from you, containing an inquiry as to possible candidates--preferably Canadian--for the chair of Education at McGill. His remark interested me at once, for ever since coming to the States to study at Columbia in 1913 I have cherished the idea of returning to a professorship in Canada.

Possibly Mr. Chave also will be writing you, but it may be fitting for me to state just briefly that I am a native of Winnipeg, Man., and obtained my secondary school, university, and normal college training and also eight years' successful teaching experience in Ontario. Upon completing my work for the Ph.D. at Columbia in 1915, I was elected to the new Professorship in Education at Bates College, and for the past five and a half years I have been developing and conducting academic courses in Education here both for prospective high school teachers and for others. Beginning in 1919, we instituted a Summer Session at Bates, of which I am Director. During the past two years, in addition to college appointments, I have been doing considerable work in state-wide educational rallies as a member of the staff of the State Education Department.

In the event of the position at McGill being still open, and if you care to write me, I should be glad to have some information as to (1) the nature of the work to be undertaken by the new appointee, and (2) the approximate number of students who have been pursuing courses in Education at McGill during the past two years.

Should you think it wise, the enclosed card may be handed to the University officer who has charge of looking up candidates and their qualifications for appointment.

Yours very truly,

Robert A. F. McDonald.

Enclosures 2.

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