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Dr. F.M.G. Johnson,
Chairman of the Editorial Board,
The McGill News.

My dear Johnson,

Since speaking to you yesterday I have received from Mr. Fetherstonhaugh a copy of the letter of Mr. John Close. I really think that this letter goes far beyond anything in the previous article as I remember it, for instance,

"Here one does not find many McGill graduates leading in the quest for a better state, though they are well represented in the rich ruling classes, all of whom, being incapable of philosophic doubts, are firm believers in the rights of property, and all of whom are, if not actually corrupt themselves, well aware of the corruption in public life."

"The policy of those who direct the college is one which denies the right to question such ideals, whose chief virtue appears to be their venerability. Instead of an attitude of sceptical doubt, not only of the old ideas, but also of the new, one finds only the blind support of an obsolescing theory of ethics.

Do you think it would be any good to see Mr. Close?

Yours faithfully,

Principal.