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Le Mars, Iowa,  
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Catherine Elizabeth Hanson  
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Edward H. Beatty, Jr.,  
Mc Gill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Mr. Beatty: -

You will please pardon this liberty that I take in writing you, but I understand that you are Chancellor of McGill University, and it is my thought that possibly you might help me in my problem.

After graduating from Nebraska University and taking post-graduate work at Iowa University toward an M.A. degree, I spent three years of active work on large dailies as a Journalist. I am twenty-six years old. It has always been my ambition to become an author. As a little girl, during the great war, I was honored by my government as the author of National Four-minute speeches, and received a U. S. silver Treasury medal. My war poems were published abroad, and I have several book-manuscripts which I hope to have published some day. My cycle of war poems ends with one dedicated to Wilhelm Hohenzollern II, for which I was recognized, and it is entitled "A Song of Exile." I was also honored by Pershing for my poem dedicated to him entitled "Not Forgotten", and by David Lloyd George on "Shouts Du Helanders."



after my sojourn in newspaper work in San Francisco over a year ago, I became interested in Chinese literature, hoping to write a prose work "Chinese Stories For Children."

Through the efforts of Col. E. M. House of Washington, D. C. I received permission to study and do research work at the Library of Congress, which offer I could not accept because of the fact that I had no financial assurance. As I have had to work my way through university, and am the oldest of a large brood of children, my parents were not in a position to help me. At this writing, due to the depression, they are actually poverty-stricken.

Then, chance threw me into contact with that wonderful person, Dr. Hsing Hsing-hu of your Chinese Department. Dr. Hsing advised me to conclude my post-graduate work at Mc Gill, where, under his personal supervision, my "Chinese Stories For Children" might become a reality. I have written several of your Montreal papers in the effort to secure part-time employment as a news-worker, but to no avail.

Not being able to secure even meagre employment in the middle-west, my thought was that if Mc Gill could offer me something in the way of clerical or dictaphone work, I might be able to pursue Chinese studies, and thereby turn my pen into financial service. I dread the waste of valuable time, but I am utterly helpless to overcome present circumstances. Yet, ambition spurs me on and I am literally another Samuel Johnson seeking a Lord Chesterfield patronage! I



might possibly be able to borrow sufficient money to come to Mc Lill, but I must be confident of employment, of some sort, upon my arrival. And then, too, the fees are so terribly high.

Will you kindly advise me what opportunity lies at Mc-Lill for poor students who have to earn their way?

Most sincerely,  
(Miss) Catherine Elizabeth Hanson.

234 Second Avenue Northwest,  
Le Mars, Iowa. U. S. A.



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May 16th, 1922.

Rev. George Hanson,  
Erskine Church,  
Sherbrooke St. West,  
Montreal.

Dear Reverend Hanson:-

If I have taken nearly a fortnight to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 3rd it has not been because of indifference on my part concerning the matter of which you wrote.

I would not go so far as to say that the curricula of our universities do not provide for the development of the moral faculty in man, but possibly you are right when you contend that the faculty "gets no systematic drill at all". I agree with you that this is a serious lack and that every effort should be made by all who come in contact with the student-body to overcome the deficiency and surmount the difficulty.

I have already discussed with the Department of English at McGill the advisability of using the Bible for instructive literature and I hope that a beginning will be made soon. It is almost inexplicable that what is universally regarded as an example of the best literature extant should find no place in the curriculum of the English Department. Let us make a beginning there and hope that other desirable objectives may yet be attained.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



September 26  
1935

Dear Mr. Harvey-Jellie,

Thank you for your kind letter of the  
25th September. The cordiality of my welcome gives  
me encouragement for the task ahead of me.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. W. Harvey-Jellie,  
4458 Western Avenue,  
Westmount, Que.





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Principal A. E. Morgan

Dear Principal Morgan

May I take the liberty of saying how very pleased I am that you have assumed the Principalship of McGill. It means a great deal to have a scholar with the old Canadian traditions at our head. I trust you may have a very congenial and prosperous career in Montreal. I shall look forward to the pleasure of meeting you some day.

Believe me

Yours very faithfully

W. Harvey-Jellie.