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LORD BISHOP OF HURON,

THE

REV'D H. F. DARNELL,

Principal of the Hellmuth Ladies' College,

AND

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The Lord Bishop of Huron having received a letter from the Rev. H. F. Darnell, Principal of the Hellmuth Ladies' College, dated November the 18th, making grave reflections on my character, and which I pronounce to be wholly without foundation, and His Lordship having retained that letter in his possession until my connection with the Hellmuth Colleges had entirely ceased, and having then enclosed it to me in a letter dated December the 5th, endorsing its contents by an offensive comment, I now proceed to accept the Rev. H. F. Darnell's challenge, conveyed in his letter to me of December the 8th, in which he states that he is willing to submit his letter "to any independent tribunal." I suppose he intended that such tribunal should be composed of those "*independent*" clergymen to whom the Bishop has paid a commission of ten dollars on every pupil procured by them for the Hellmuth College, presided over by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Huron himself; but the tribunal which I have chosen is **Public Opinion**, that great terror to "the wicked in high places."

I was paid for my medical attendance in the Hellmuth Colleges by a certain fixed charge for each pupil; but to such an extent have the Colleges run down in public estimation, that the numbers have decreased to considerably less than one half, thus rendering my fees originally small, totally disproportionate to the services performed.

I have stated at various times to my friends—whose names I am prepared to give, if necessary—during the month of June last, that I intended sending in my resignation as Physician to the Hellmuth Colleges, unless allowed a fair rate of remuneration.

At an interview with the Bishop of Huron on the 20th of October last, I gave in my resignation as Physician to the Colleges. At that interview His Lordship refused to allow me the usual College fees for four pupils who had been removed from the Hellmuth Ladies' College. In consequence of this refusal arose my charge to Mrs. Wilson for her daughter as my private patient, the whole matter in dispute between the Lord Bishop of Huron and myself.

In corroboration of the above statement I append two letters, the one from Dr. Moore, and the other from Dr. Fraser, written in answer to questions of mine on the subject.

LONDON, Dec. 18, 1874.

MY DEAR DR. GOING :

I have ~~not~~ always had an abhorrence of newspaper or pamphlet controversies, and I have carefully avoided mixing myself up with them in any way however remotely. I much regret having to break through my custom in this respect, but I do not see that I can well decline to reply to your question. My recollection of the conversation is this : that you said you had tendered your resignation to the Bishop on certain conditions, that the Bishop asked you to remain until the end of the academic year, but that you declined doing so unless your terms were acceded to ; that in explaining to the Bishop the reasons for your asking for a change in terms, you stated that there were only, I think, 66 pupils in the Ladies' College this term, and that the Bishop said that for four of those pupils you would not be paid as he had got nothing for them himself in consequence of the pupils having had to leave at an early part of the term, you said that you explained to the Bishop that the cause of the short stay of the pupils was illness, and that therefore you had been obliged to give them medical attendance and ought to be paid whether the college got paid or not, you further told me that you intended to ask the Lady Principal for the names and addresses of those pupils, and would send accounts for their medical attendance. This conversation took place on or about the 20th of October last.

Yours truly,

(Signed.)

CHARLES G. MOORE.

DR. GOING, London.

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LONDON, Dec. 18, 1874.

DEAR SIR :

In reply to your communication I beg leave to state that you did inform me, (while driving with you to the College to see Miss Wilson,) that in the event of her not being able to remain the full

term, you would be obliged to look to her parents for your fees as the Bishop refused to pay you in such cases.

Very truly yours,

J. M. FRASER.

H. GOING, ESQ., M.D., London.

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Letter from Lord Bishop of Huron to Dr. Going.

LONDON, ONT., Dec. 5th, 1874.

MY DEAR DR. GOING :

In accordance with your wishes I stated to the members of the College Corporation that you would not attend any longer as Physician of the Colleges unless the fees were increased from four to six dollars in the one, and from six to nine dollars in the H. L. College, for each pupil respectively. After due consideration it was resolved to accept your resignation, as it was not deemed for the interests of the Colleges to increase the medical charges.

The enclosed from the Principal of the Hellmuth Ladies' College will speak for itself :

I have requested the Principal of the H. L. College to send you a cheque for the balance due you from both Colleges.

Believe me, yours sincerely.

(Signed),

I. HURON.

H. GOING, ESQ., M.D., &c.

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Letter from the Rev'd H. F. Darnell, Principal of Hellmuth Ladies' College, to the Lord Bishop of Huron.

NOVEMBER 18, 1874.

MY LORD :

It was with much surprise that I received a letter from Mrs. Wilson stating that she had been charged the sum of twelve dollars by the College Physician for medical attendance and medicine on account of her daughter whilst under our care. I have always understood these matters to be included in our charges to the pupils, and cannot see the propriety of allowing Mrs. Wilson to be at any expense for them ; I have consequently written to inform her that I have placed the sum of twelve dollars, (which I find she has



already paid), to her credit on our books. This sum, I presume, must be deducted from Dr. Going's account. I think, my Lord, it is most desirable that some definite arrangement should be made with our Physician so as to preclude the possibility of such demands being made. I write to you, my Lord, respecting this matter purely out of consideration for the interests of the institution whose reputation must naturally suffer in the eyes of the public from the continuance of such a practice as I have alluded to.

I am my Lord,

Yours most respectfully,

(Signed), H. F. DARNELL,  
Principal H. L. College.

TO THE RIGHT REV'D  
THE LORD BISHOP OF HURON.

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Letter from Dr. Going to Rev'd H. F. Darnell.

LONDON, Dec. 7, 1874.

DEAR SIR:

I beg to enclose you a copy of my reply to a letter received by me on December the 5th, from the Lord Bishop of Huron, and enclosing a communication from you to him, dated November the 18th, "which will speak for itself."

Have the goodness to enclose me six dollars, being for my professional services to Miss Wilson while at Dr. Fraser's residence, and which you took the liberty of placing to Mrs. Wilson's credit.

As the Lord Bishop of Huron has admitted at the eleventh hour the justice of my claim for medical attendance on the four pupils referred to in the accompanying enclosure—also my just claim for medical attendance on Miss Wilson—by including the fees for those pupils in your cheque, received on December 5th, I have nothing further to say to you on that subject. I, however, reserve to myself the option of taking any other proceedings I may think necessary in the matter.

I am Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

(Signed,) HENRY GOING.

REV. H. F. DARNELL,  
Principal H. L. College.

Letter from Dr. Going to the Lord Bishop of Huron :

LONDON, Dec. 7, 1874.

MY-LORD :

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December the 5th, enclosing one from Rev. H. F. Darnell to yourself, dated November the 18th, in which he makes charges derogatory to my character, and which are totally untrue. He states that it was with much surprise that he received a letter from Mrs. Wilson, stating that she had been charged twelve dollars by the College Physician for medical attendance on account of her daughter "whilst under our care." Mr. Darnell was perfectly well aware that I had made this charge to Mrs. Wilson *before he received her communication*, as I myself mentioned the fact to Mrs. Darnell on the 27th of October, the day on which I received payment of my account, and which knowledge Mr. Darnell admitted to me with very great reluctance on Saturday last. He need not therefore have expressed much surprise to your Lordship, in his letter of November the 18th, on learning a fact which he was aware of on October the 27th.

And now, my Lord, permit me to account for any charge being made to Mrs. Wilson for her daughter while in the Ladies' College. On tendering my resignation to your Lordship as Physician to the Hellmuth Colleges, on account of the very inadequate remuneration received by me in consequence of the pupils having decreased to nearly half the number since the time of my first appointment, I stated that there were 76 pupils in the Ladies' College, as rendered me by Mr. Darnell, 10 of whom were to be deducted for Homœopathic treatment, leaving 66 pupils for whom I was entitled to fees. Your Lordship at once replied, "No, four of these have left the College, from whom I received no payment, and therefore you cannot expect to obtain from me what I did not receive myself." I remonstrated with your Lordship on this, stating that two of these four pupils—namely, Miss Haigh of Detroit, and Miss Blythe of Cleveland—were under medical treatment for a considerable time, the former for about three weeks, the latter for about two. My remonstrance, however, was of no avail.

On my next visit to the Ladies' College I informed Mrs. Darnell of your Lordship's refusal to allow me the usual College fees for

those pupils, and requested her to give me the names of the young ladies who were my patients and had been removed. She did so—Miss Haigh and Miss Blythe—and I informed her that I would send to the parents of those young ladies my account for medical attendance and medicine as private patients. Two or three days after this, as well as I can recollect, Miss Sarah Wilson came to the College, and having caught cold on her journey, was attacked with inflammation of the lungs. I attended her for four or five days, and at her mother's request she was removed to the residence of her connection, Dr. Fraser, with whom I attended her in consultation. She thus only remained in the Ladies' College for about a week; and as your Lordship had already refused to allow me the usual fees for Miss Haigh and Miss Blythe, I thought it unnecessary to renew the discussion with your Lordship; at the same time, I informed Dr. Fraser that I should present my account to Mrs. Wilson for her daughter as my private patient, being six dollars while in the Ladies' College, and six while at Dr. Fraser's house. I informed Mrs. Wilson, on presenting her with my account, the reason of my doing so, namely, your Lordship's refusal to pay for any pupils who did not remain in the College a certain time, thus arbitrarily breaking your written contract with me.

Mr. Darnell states in his letter to you "that it is most desirable that some definite arrangement should be made with our Physician so as to preclude the possibility of such demands being made, when we have given an assurance that they are included in the College charges: I write to you, my Lord, respecting this matter, purely out of consideration for the interest of the institution, whose reputation must naturally suffer in the eyes of the public from the continuance of such a practice as I have alluded to." Perhaps it did not occur to the Rev'd gentleman that the most effectual way to obtain that end, would be for your Lordship not to break your written contract with the Physician, and thus compel him to resort to his only effectual means of redress.

And now, my Lord, with reference to your letter dated December the 5th, enclosing Rev. H. F. Darnell's letter of November the 18th, and in referring to which you state that "the enclosed from the Principal of the Hellmuth Ladies' College will speak for itself." I think, my Lord, that I have shown that it has spoken for itself, that

it is throughout a tissue of misrepresentation unworthy alike of the writer's position both as a clergyman and a gentleman, and I think it does not speak well for your Lordship, being aware of the reason of my action in the matter—namely, your refusal to comply with the terms of your agreement with me—to countenance, as you did, by the above paragraph, such charges being made.

I have the honor to remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

(Signed,) HENRY GOING.

THE LORD BISHOP OF HURON, }  
Norwood House. }

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Second letter from Dr. Going to the Lord Bishop of Huron :

LONDON, Dec. 9, 1874.

MY LORD :

Your letter of the 5th inst. took me so much by surprise that there are some points which I did not mention to your Lordship in my communication of Dec. the 7th, and which I now propose to recall to your mind. This I do principally out of consideration for your Lordship's unfortunately short memory.

I was, as you are aware, my Lord, connected officially with the Hellmuth College for a period of nine years, and with the Hellmuth Ladies' College for six years, during all this time I have been singularly fortunate in my treatment of pupils in both institutions. On leaving the Colleges I did so with a feeling of perfect goodwill towards all parties with whom I had anything to do during my connection with them, but I felt that it was a duty I owed to myself not to continue my position there at a pecuniary disadvantage. Your Lordship, however, contrary to your usual spirit of conciliation, has condescended to stoop from your high ecclesiastical position to endorse statements which you must have known were without the slightest foundation.

I will now mention, my Lord, one or two facts which I deem worthy of notice ; with one exception, I never received any gratuity from any parent or guardian of a pupil in either College, that exception was Mr. Gordon, of New York, neither have I, except in two instances, sent an account for professional services to any of the

pupils or their parents, one, the case of Miss Wilson, alluded to in my former communication to your Lordship, and the other, to Mr. Morris, of Detroit, whose son was dangerously ill and required several visits daily. On Mr. Morris's arrival I explained to him that my arrangement was to visit the College three times a week, in dangerous cases daily, but that his son required a great deal of extra attendance, for which he requested me to send him an account, which I accordingly did through Mrs. Morris, *at her special request*. A day or two after I explained the whole matter to your Lordship. This account has not, however, been paid, neither has the account of the medical gentleman who attended in consultation with me. Thus during my nine years connection with this College I have sent in only one account, and in the case of the Hellmuth Ladies' College, I have before mentioned, the only one which I ever rendered.

I have thus minutely drawn your Lordship's attention to circumstances, trivial in themselves, in order to remove any impression which, upon the perusal of Mr. Darnell's letter, might very naturally arise in the minds of persons not cognizant of the facts that it had been a practice on my part to send in accounts to the parents or guardians of pupils who had been under my care.

I have the honor to remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

(Signed.) HENRY GOING.

THE LORD BISHOP OF HURON,  
Norwood House.

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Second letter from Rev. H. F. Darnell to Dr. Going.

DECEMBER 8, 1874.

DEAR SIR :

I am this moment in receipt of you note to which I reply at once. The fact of my having learned from Mrs. Darnell your intention of charging Mrs. Wilson for attending her daughter when at College in no degree lessened my surprise that such should really be the case. I imagined there must have been some misconception as I had most assuredly always understood that all such expenses were included in our college charges. I saw at once that any uncertainty

upon this point would render it quite impossible for me to keep faith with the public in this matter, and felt the best course for me to pursue was to write officially to his Lordship, (with whom I presume your engagement was made), and have the whole matter definitely settled—I think any impartial person would deem this the best plan, and the fairest both to yourself and others. I am willing to submit my letter to any independent and uninterested tribunal. I pass over your comments upon my letter as quite beside the subject—indeed you told me yourself that you found no fault with it, save that you conceived I should have addressed *you* instead of the *Bishop*. As to your subsequent resignation I regarded it simply as a matter of FINANCE, you seeming to refuse to continue your attendance unless at a higher rate of remuneration; the College authorities not feeling able to grant any addition. For my own part I must confess that I see no necessity that the matter should be regarded from any other stand point; nor do I see that there is the least ground for supposing that anything derogatory to yourself was implied, either in my letter to His Lordship, or in the proceedings of the College Corporation at which I was present.

As you inform me that \$6, out of \$12, charged Mrs. Wilson, were (from the fact of their being for professional attendance upon Miss Wilson at Dr. Fraser's house,) distinct from the College account, I, of course, enclose you that, as I have already credited Mrs. Wilson with the \$12 and already deducted it from the amount due to you, I dare say I can arrange for this with Mrs. Wilson or Dr. Fraser, they would not, of course wish the College to be at the expense of attendance upon a pupil after leaving its walls. I also add \$2 for my own child as a pupil of the College, not upon the list, (as the child of an official of the Institution,) under the circumstances I should not be willing that she should be made an exception. You speak of my expressing myself with reluctance upon points connected with this controversy, you must strangely have misunderstood my manner and words; my desire has been that the whole matter should be thoroughly and fully considered in all its bearings; the very fact of my not taking any action until it came officially under my notice, and then going to the root at once, proves that I wish to get things into proper shape, and do what was right and fair for all parties concerned. I think, upon reflection, you will see there is no reason to

find fault either with my letter or the action of the Committee of the College Corporation.

I am Dear Sir,  
Very truly yours,

H. F. DARNELL,  
Principal H. L. College.

P.S.—The Lord Bishop has just looked in, and as I am writing to you requests me to say that as soon as he can find a quiet moment amid all the clerical business which is transacting this week, he will reply to your communication.

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Second letter from Dr. Going to Rev. H. F. Darnell :

LONDON, DEC. 9th, 1874.

DEAR SIR :

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your cheque for \$8, \$6 being balance of my salary unjustly placed to Mrs. Wilson's credit, and \$2 your daughter's College fee.

Your statement in your letter "the fact of my having learned from Mrs. Darnell your intention of charging Mrs. Wilson," &c., cannot possibly be correct, *because* I never told Mrs. Darnell any such thing. You confuse the cases—I hope not wilfully—of the Misses Haigh and Blythe with that of Miss Wilson. I told Mrs. Darnell of my intention to send accounts to the parents of these young ladies, but I never mentioned Miss Wilson's case until I told Mrs. Darnell on the 27th of October of my having presented an account to Mrs. Wilson, and having received payment of it.

You say "indeed you told me yourself that you found no fault with it" (your letter) "save that you conceived I should have addressed *you* instead of the *Bishop*," I stated that if you had addressed your letter to me I would have at once explained the matter of Miss Wilson's charge, but that I said I found no fault with the letter itself is simply absurd, because I charged the Bishop, and still charge him, with maliciously endorsing such a document. You go on to say "as to your subsequent resignation, I regard it as simply a matter of finance, you seeming to refuse to continue your

attendance unless at a higher rate of remuneration." You have used the above word "*subsequent*" knowingly for *previous*, as my resignation was in the hands of the Bishop *before* Miss Wilson's illness in the College—namely, on or about the 20th of October—and you must have overlooked that fact, as it is contained in the copy of my letter to the Bishop which is in your possession. Your use of the word "*seeming*" in the above quotation is purposely offensive and entirely untrue, for the Bishop requested me at the interview, when I gave him my resignation, to continue my attendance at the then fixed rate of remuneration, to the end of the academic year—namely, to the 1st of July next—which I decidedly refused to do. It seems to me you try to evade the real point at issue with studious ingenuity. Why do you not explain the reason of the Bishop's refusal to allow me the usual College fees for the four pupils complained of, and which compelled me to present an account to Mrs. Wilson?

Your postscript is characteristic: "P. S. The Bishop has just looked in, and as I am writing to you he wishes me to say that as soon as he can find a quiet moment amid all the clerical business which is transacting this week, he will reply to your communication."

So his Lordship did find time to drop in "*just as you were writing.*" I thought so. You did not at all object to a higher inspiration on the subject of your letter.

I remain, dear sir,

Yours very truly,

(Signed,) HENRY GOING.

REV. H. F. DARNELL, }  
Principal H. L. College. }

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Third letter from Dr. Going to the Lord Bishop of Huron.

LONDON, Dec, 14th, 1874.

MY LORD:

I had the honor of writing to your Lordship on Dec. 7th, acknowledging the receipt of your letter of December the 5th, enclosing one from the Rev. H. F. Darnell, dated November 18th; I again wrote a supplementary letter to your Lordship on December



9th, to neither of which communications have you yet replied ; although you intimated, through the Rev'd H. F. Darnell, that you would write to me "as soon as you could find a quiet moment." That moment not having yet arrived, I again write to your Lordship for the third and last time, unless you have the politeness to honor me with a reply to these my three letters.

On Wednesday, December the 2nd, I called on your Lordship at your office in the Chapter House, you asked me had I received from the Secretary, the Rev. J. Hurst, the minutes of the Hellmuth College Council. I replied that I had not, but that it was of no consequence if you would communicate its decision to me verbally, which you accordingly did by stating that after due deliberation the Council had decided to accept my resignation, as tendered by your Lordship, as it was not deemed for the interests of the Colleges to increase the medical charges. Thus ended our official connection for ever. I then bid you good bye, not bearing one particle of ill-will towards your Lordship or the members of the Council for the action they had taken in the matter, because your Lordship had previously informed me that the Colleges were thousands of dollars in debt and could not afford to give me any increase of salary ; to which I replied, "My Lord that is no sufficient reason why I should attend the Colleges at a personal pecuniary loss," and to show your Lordship the correctness of that statement, I will just go over the "question of finance."

For the term ending Xmas, 1874, Hellmuth Ladies College, 67 pupils, at \$2 each per term, medicines to be provided by me, amounts to \$134, for which I had to visit the College three times each week, in dangerous cases daily. My average visits, during any one term, would, at a low computation, exceed fifty ; for this sum I am expected to attend the Principal, Lady Principal, Governesses, and Servants; your Lordship, your Lordship's family, household servants and domestics, are all thrown in gratuitously in consideration of the above munificent patronage.

Now for the Hellmuth College, in the term just ended, 58 pupils at \$1.33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per term amounts to \$77.33, medicines to be provided by me, the average visits to this College would also exceed fifty per term, that is allowing \$1.53 per visit ; the entire staff of servants

to be attended gratuitously and medicines provided for them. I think, my Lord, after this exhibit you will see the absurdity of your insulting insinuation to me, through the Rev. H. F. Darnell, of my "seeming refusal to continue my attendance," unless at a higher rate of remuneration.

I will now my Lord proceed to give you what to my mind is the history of the case in dispute between us. You happened to travel in the same car with Mrs. Wilson and her daughter when they were returning home, (I ascertained the fact only within the past few days,) and no doubt heard from Mrs. Wilson of my having presented her with an account, which she paid; you then requested her to write to the Principal at the H. L. College complaining of this charge, so that it might come officially under your Lordship's notice. Now whether this is the true history of the case or not, *after* your receipt of the Rev. Principal's letter of Nov. the 18th, you should, both as a Christian and a gentleman, have at once asked me, whom you were in the habit of meeting almost daily for nine years, why I had committed such a very unusual act and which had never before occurred in all those years; the reason was very obvious, my answer would have promptly been, "your Lordship, by refusing to allow me the usual College fees, in the cases of the four young ladies alluded to, compelled me to present an account to Mrs. Wilson for her daughter as my private patient." This plain explanation of the matter would not, however, have suited your Lordship; it would never do to confess that one occupying your Lordship's exalted position—both in the Church and the world, and reputed to be wealthy—could condescend to deprive me, an official who had resigned his position in consequence of inadequate remuneration, of the paltry sum of \$8, the entire matter in dispute between us; you therefore kept the letter by you, dated Nov. 18th, until Dec. the 5th, and three days after my official connection with your Colleges had ceased, and then sent it to me in an insulting and ungentlemanly manner through one of the College servants, having endorsed it by a most offensive comment in your letter enclosing it. Your object in pursuing this devious course is very evident to me, and a person of your Lordship's usual astuteness should have perceived that I could have very easily detected it; you could not send this letter to me before the Rev. H. F. Darnell had paid me, by your Lordship's instructions, the fees for

the four pupils in dispute, thus acknowledging the justice of my claim. But this tardy justice in no way exonerates your Lordship—as you very illogically thought it would—as your unlawful refusal in the first place caused the act of which you complain. Your Rev. Principal, of the H. L. College, writes to you about this matter, “purely out of consideration for the interests of the institution whose reputation must naturally suffer in the eyes of the public,” &c., precisely so, your Colleges will suffer in the eyes of that public of whom you are so nervously afraid; but you, my Lord, care not whether my reputation shall suffer in their eyes by you discussing, as you did at the Hellmuth College council, the contents of the Rev. H. F. Darnell’s mendacious letter, and not stating honestly, as you in justice should have done, that it was your own arbitrary refusal to pay the fees of the four pupils which caused the very act of which you so virtuously complain. You thus libellously disseminate, through the members of that council, an unjust and most iniquitous aspersion both of my professional and moral character, and which I am determined to remove.

As you, my Lord, have thought proper to wantonly and deliberately attack my character after my connection with your Colleges had entirely ceased, I will now proceed to take the same liberty with your Lordship. You have not thought it beneath your dignity to employ certain of your clergy to canvas for pupils for your Colleges, both in this country and the neighboring States, allowing a commission for every pupil procured; thus converting the Church into an engine of commercial speculation, and rivalling the actions of the money changers of old. How can you expect, my Lord, to obtain by such means a respectable, refined and moral class of pupils? And consequently you have had smokers, billiard players, drunkards and thieves admitted to Hellmuth College, and retained after discovery, to set an instructive example to the young and impressionable to go and do likewise. To such a glaring extent did this proceed that I removed my young son from the institution more than a year ago, sooner than subject him to such contaminating influences; if *your* school is to become a juvenile reformatory the sooner you inform the public the better, and then it will be filled to overflowing by the expelled pupils from other Colleges, provided your charges for admission are not too high. I openly challenge

your Lordship to deny or extenuate this glaring impropriety. You make money the chief requisite for admission to your Colleges, although it was ostentatiously paraded at their inception that their principal object was to provide a thoroughly sound, moral and *cheap* education for protestant children, and thus prevent them from being absorbed into convent schools; and yet, year after year, since their foundation, the fees for admission have been gradually increasing, so that it is now practically impossible for anyone to obtain entrance unless for the children of the wealthy; thus compelling those of more slender means to fill the convent schools.

And now, my Lord, in your future dealings with your fellow man, let me recommend for your earnest and prayerful consideration the well-known lines of our greatest poet:

“Who steals my purse steals trash,  
But he who robs me of my good name, robs me of that  
Which him enricheth not and leaves me poor indeed.”

I have the honor to remain

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

(Signed), HENRY GOING.

THE LORD BISHOP OF HURON,  
Norwood House.

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As the Bishop of Huron has not yet honored me with his promised reply, nor accepted my challenge conveyed to him in my last letter dated December the 14th, I will now proceed to offer a few remarks on the very grave charges contained in that letter. The practice of smoking and billiard playing, which has been indulged in by the pupils, is so notorious that I need only refer to it. As regards drunkenness, I will give one or two instances out of many: A boy convicted of drunkenness was brought before the Bishop and the head master. The whole school being assembled, his Lordship stated to the culprit, the son of a wealthy and influential man, that at the solicitation of his school fellows, no doubt unwilling to lose so pleasant a companion, he would refrain from expelling him. Another example: At one of my visits to the College during the past summer, I was requested by one of the masters, at present in the school, to see a boy who had been carried up to his dormitory by his schoolfellows. I did so, and found him in the last stage of

intoxication, unable to articulate, and surrounded by a circle of grinning boys, evidently enjoying the situation. I immediately reported the circumstance to the Venerable Archdeacon Balch, Governor in residence, and brought him up to the dormitory that he might see and judge for himself. The Archdeacon seemed horror stricken, stating to me that the boy should be at once expelled, as such an example would be most injurious to other pupils. The boy was, however, retained in the College, "which will speak for itself."

As regards thieving, there is at present in the school a boy convicted in a former term of stealing money. The Lord Bishop may say in extenuation, "I mercifully retained that boy to reform him," but the parents of other boys may object to such companionship for their sons during his process of reformation. I shall not further proceed with this list. I suppress names for obvious reasons, but I can furnish them to his Lordship if required.

The root of this crying evil (the non-expulsion of boys for almost any crime) will, I think, be found to be that this College has been turned into a mere piece of machinery for the purpose of realizing money. The Bishop, when he first made known to the public his idea of establishing a College, gave them to understand that it was his wish to found an educational institute for the benefit of the children of all persons holding Protestant views; in fact, that he was going to perform an act of philanthropy. I need hardly say such has not been the case. At the present time, when the College is deeply in debt, as acknowledged by his Lordship, there arises a greater temptation to retain all boys, no matter how depraved, in order to avoid still further decreasing its already reduced income; thus the system pursued has, in the end, defeated its own object. I am satisfied that the school has materially suffered from the constant changes of masters which have taken place, no less than sixty having left since its establishment, and thirty during the three years ending last midsummer.

Let all this be remedied; maintain, as a first consideration, strict moral and educational discipline; pay all teachers adequate salaries; let instant expulsion follow all such crimes as I have enumerated; let the fees for admission be on a fair and moderate scale, and thus the school will be filled to repletion; and, situated as this College

is, on a most favorable site, in one of the healthiest cities in Canada, and laid out in a comfortable and convenient manner, there is no reason why the institution should not become an honor to the present, and a benefit to future time.

In conclusion I have but little more to say. \* I regret that his Lordship the Bishop of Huron, by attacking me in the first instance, obliged me to say many things which perhaps may, except in his better moments, prejudice him against myself. But then, "to err is human; to forgive, divine." I forgive his Lordship, and I say so in all sincerity, for what he has said against me, and I would only remind him that there will come a day when all of us shall stand before the bar of a tribunal, from whose edicts there is no appeal, to give an account for the deeds done in the body; and I hope that in that supreme moment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed, his Lordship will obtain from the Giver of all good the pardon which I freely accord him now.

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