

M. Gill College.  
Montreal.

Nov 4, 1845

My dear Sir,

With reference  
to the matter mentioned  
in yours of yesterday,  
I need rather decline  
any comparison of the  
M. Gill College with the  
English Public Schools you  
mention. The spheres, ob-  
jects and methods of  
the two classes of insti-  
tutions are altogether  
different, and if any  
of our friends are satisfied  
with an English Public School  
education for their boys, all  
I can say is I would not  
desire it for my own.

May say however, that  
we should be glad to  
take in matriculants as  
good as the averages  
shown by in copies; and  
better in other things, and  
would undertake to give  
them four years of  
study more profitable work  
before taking their B.A.

If a comparison were  
instituted between the full  
and the older English  
Universities, it would  
be easy to show that



our methods are better,  
and that in respect  
~~to~~ our means we do  
much more for our  
students. All this however  
is a sort of comparison I  
have long ago left far  
behind me. \* For more  
than twenty years I  
have been, in Germany  
and out of Germany, en-  
deavouring to bring up public  
opinion to a higher point  
than that of <sup>the</sup> Kings

\* And indeed they are now settled  
as against the English system by the  
Educationalists of every other country  
and by the best in Britain itself.

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and pedants who cry  
up antiquated methods  
among us; and if they  
are still influential, I  
am now too much worn  
out to fight with them,  
and would rather shake  
off the clut of my feet  
against them, and seek  
employment elsewhere  
where true education  
is better appreciated, leaving  
them to improve our  
university up to the level of  
English schools at their  
pleasure. With all kind  
regards,  
Yours sincerely  
J. M. Gayle & M. Dawson



M. Gill College.

Montreal.

Nov 4, 1875.

My dear Sir,

With reference  
to the matter mentioned in  
yours of yesterday, I would  
rather decline any com-  
parison of the Gill College  
with the English Public  
Schools you mention. The  
spheres, objects and methods  
of the two classes of institu-  
tions are altogether different,  
and if any of our friends  
are interposed with an English  
Public School education for  
their boys I have nothing  
to say except that I would  
not desire it for my own.

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I may say however that  
we should be glad to  
have our students, at  
entrance, at least as  
good as the average stu-  
dent in Classics and better  
in other things, and would  
undertake them to give  
them four years of still  
more profitable work; even  
at the risk of its being  
said of us, as it sometimes  
is of the English Universities,  
that the scholars by Roman  
Law Latin & Greek than  
the ordinary Bot.  
help which that



If a comparison were  
instituted between the free  
and the old English Uni-  
versities, it would be easy  
to show that our methods  
are better, and that  
in proportion to our means  
we do much more for  
our students. In my  
own part however, I  
am too much worn  
out for controversy. I  
have been struggling for  
twenty years to introduce  
here a University system  
far in advance of anything  
that has ever been  
tried in a like way in this  
country. I have been very much  
oppressed by the opposition

From your & Mrs. [unclear]

of the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
will be [unclear] [unclear]  
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~~Yet done in England. I have  
met with little support and  
have from the first been  
carped at by men who  
knew nothing but after  
greated English methods  
unmistakable to one eye and  
country; and I have  
for some time been approach-  
ing the conclusion that it  
is time for me to drop  
the fight, to shake off the  
clout of my feet against  
Montreal, and seek em-  
ployment for my few remains  
any place where learning and  
science are better appreciated.~~

With all kind regards,  
Remain yours truly

J. M. Taylor &

W. Dawson