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My dear Professor

I am exceedingly obliged to you for your kind letter but more especially for your lecture which I do not know how I missed obtaining at the time it was delivered. I have enjoyed it greatly. Your views of Ladies Colleges are what I have ^{been} preaching for years. I am glad also you noted that testimony of the Royal Commission of Scotland as to Professors acting as examiners of their own students. No greater injury to education

is being done
in Ontario than the opposite
practice which is all but universal
here. I have ever opposed it
on many grounds, and the more
I know of it the more thoroughly
I dislike it as an injury both to
students & to education in general.
You never will have a complete
system of higher education
in Montreal until you find a
Ladue's College affiliated
to McGill. Then only shall
the Ladue's College assume its
proper place and do its pro-
per work. We are poor
struggling institutions at present.
Grant such Colleges are a nuisance
in education. They have no life,
and are incapable of progress.

The speculators are for the most part
men of money and who have no
sympathy with the aspirations
of the Teacher. If you only
knew what my soul has had
to suffer in this respect! I shall
have the happy day when Ladies
& Colleges are set free from the
dead grip of Shareholders.
Here instead of lightening my
burdens by a little seasonable
liberality they are increasing them
every year and praining over
the loss of interest on the few
hundreds they have invested in
the building. Think of having
an interest bearing debt of $\$7000$
at 8% of $\$30,000$ to sustain
out of ordinary revenue!
There seems no hope: a stretch of

College will never make
liberality. You have only to
set up your Official Ladies
College to sweep the rest of the
Ladies Colleges into oblivion.
Yet we are doing a good work
at great disadvantages. I can
collect about 60 intelligent
young ladies here, ^{such as many more day scholars} and can dis-
seminate ^{them} under thorough teaching and
training but under difficulties
and hindrances that are likely to
break my heart.

Altho the subject is
a narrow and scattered one
to make a speech on yet the
prospects and prospects of science
in Canada will give me a text
it may be, for saying other things
that may be of use. McMill College
University is like the great Nile master.
It marks the rise of the fertilizing Nile
of literature and learning. ^{You never}
^{to S. Thompson}