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Dear Sir William Dawson

I thank you very sincerely
for the modification of your
paragraph as I conceive
it to have sprung from
kindness to me.

I took occasion
yesterday to question
a lady student on the
subject referred to in
your note - the first
time I have ever so
far as I can remember

had conversation with any
woman connected with
the College on the subject.

The conversation was
as nearly as I can
report it as follows.

Have the lady students
at McGill any opinions
on the subject of co-education?
Catherine?

Yes, they are dreading
the building of a ladies'
College as that would
keep the girls in a
secondary position ~~forever~~
forever.

Then you know what the
general opinion is.

Oh yes it has been fully
talked over. In the
two higher years all the
regular students but
two are for coeducation
I don't know about the
occasionals and partials
and the opinion of
the junior classes is
of less value as they
have had no experience.
All that is needed is
separate waiting rooms
such as we have now

Why would a separate
college condemn you to
inferiority? Because
they have not enough
of money for one
college and under
any circumstances
we least there would
go to the ladies college.

Has any body been
influencing the students
one way or the other?

No one whatever, at
least so far as I know
but we could not help
talking it over among
ourselves

I had no knowledge
of this lady's views
before speaking to her
but they coincide with
what I had heard
remarked by outsiders.
One other question I
asked her. Would
not the parents be of
a different opinion?
Her answer was: a
few would but so
far as I know they
are such as could
easily afford to send

their daughters to expansive ladies' colleges.

That accords in one sense with your view about the class that would be lost.

I have merely repeated this as a matter of interest to any one interested in the subject.

I have thought of Mr A. F. Gault as possibly a suitable

person for whom
as the vacancy is in
his Church. He was
the largest benefactor
of the Diocesan College
and I am assured
by those who know
him intimately, as
I do not, that he is
thoroughly to be
trusted as a Christian
and as a faithful
worker.

I have no knowledge

of his views on
current questions.

Very sincerely yours

J R Douglass

P.S. Mr Kennedy says
he questioned Mr Ripston
as to whether you
fully understood that
this was an interview for
publication and he had
answered that Sir William
Dawson had declined
to have anything to say
about the meeting but
was willing to give his views
on general questions. I
pointed out that as stated the
expressions were clearly connected
with the meeting.