

as "a mere question of demand
and supply."

I would request an early reply
to this petition, as in the event
of the answer proving favorable,
I desire to make preparation
for the examination of the
College of Physicians & Surgeons
to be held in this city on May 1st.

I am

respectfully

Maude E. Abbott

11th 1889

Union Avenue

To the Dean and Faculty of
Medicine of McGill University

I, the undersigned, being
greatly desirous of acquiring a
medical education and being
unable to leave Montreal in
order to obtain it elsewhere,

do hereby urgently petition
that some provision be
made for the pursuance by
me of a regular course of study
leading up to the degree of M.D.,
in any way that the Faculty
may deem expedient.

Moreover, being at the present
instance, a student on the
Third Year Arts (Donalds Depart

and being anxious to take the
first year Medicine and final
year Arts together, I further most
earnestly pray the Dean and
faculty of Medicine that the
said provision be made for
the session 1889-90.

As tending to strengthen my
application, I would
recall to remembrance
that already, earnest
students have been obliged
to leave Montreal in order to
seek a Medical Education
in other (and inferior) univer-
sities, and that one of these,
in being driven to such a con-
fession, has been forced, not
only from her home but also
from within the walls of her
Alma Mater. While that at

McGill, the School of Medicine,
avowedly the best in the Provin-
ce, should stand with its
doors fast barred to women
must form matter of regret
to many who have never-
theless not as yet seen the
necessity of coming forward
to make such an assertion.

I myself am now
constrained to do so
partly from the need
that compels me to remain
in Montreal, and partly
from the encouragement
of Dr. [unclear] D. [unclear]