

THOMAS



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Personal

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Dear Mr. Thomas,

My apology that it has taken so long to reply to your letter. I wanted to deal with it personally — and I tend to spend the Parliamentary recesses catching up on such correspondence.

I am horrified to hear of your daughter's experience at the Polytechnic. Alas it is not unique. A few years ago there was a lot of trouble at one of the London Polytechnics and I

was fought very hard by Caroline  
Cone who wrote a book about it  
called "The Rape of Reason". She has  
wide experience of both the education  
of social world and she has just  
become a life peeress on my recommendation  
I hope that by her manuscript in this way  
we will give hope to all those who  
are prepared to fight & eradicate  
prejudices of this kind which are so  
distressing to students.

My suggestion was fortunate



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in that we were marvellously taught -  
indeed we owe a great deal to our  
teachers.

I am delighted that your  
daughter has gone as a trainee to  
Natal & Ipswich. It is a wonderful  
firm and she will be both happy  
and successful there.

It was good to hear from you  
and I remember my last visit to  
Aranthem. Do write if what I do

and believe came from my father -  
was indeed a remarkable person.

Very good with.

Yours sincerely

Raymond DeLeter

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