

Proposed speech for October 22nd at 9 P.M.
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Good Evening everyone. I have been asked to give you this evening a university undergraduates answers to 2 common questions: Why are you going to college? and What are you getting out of college? I suppose those same questions have been asked of young men for centuries, and of young women for at least this past hundred years. Well, here are my answers. I came to university with one object--- to study law. Of course all students don't come to college to study law, but nevertheless a large per centage do come with the intention of entering a professional faculty, to prepare for law, for medicine, for accountancy, for architecture, for engineering, for the Church, or for teaching. To get the average view of those not intending to enter a professional faculty, I asked several of those whom I have met around the campus during the past few days why they ever decided to come to college. Many of their answers were neither clear nor complete, but the commonest reply was that a university education is essential to the ability to reason and think alone. Such a reply certainly answers that old question-- which is more important, the facts learned or the mental development. At McGill the student seems to favour the development of the mind rather than the data absorbed in the process. Incidentally, ^{some say that so much} ~~the~~ ~~statement that~~ McGill ~~is~~ a seat of communism is a creation of a reactionary's ^{chimeric} ~~so-called~~ brain. We may not be bashful in saying what we think of the present system, nor in pointing out what we consider its obvious faults, but we most definitely are not communists. We object to restrictions we consider unjust, not because of the things suppressed, but because such suppression goes against the grain, is undemocratic and unfair.