

CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE UNIVERSITY.

We have close relations, as things are, but not along the lines we have in mind. We are all connected with the University in some way, as graduates, undergraduates and partials. We have all known something of the freer atmosphere, the larger idea, which forms so considerable an element in the University course, and which is undoubtedly a great part of the gain to be derived from it.

But for many this is rather a memory than a present reality.

We turn our backs upon the University when we enter on our professional course, and gradually it fades out of our lives, until it comes to exist only in memory.

On graduation in Arts the close tie is loosed. We turn to new work; new aims and interests claim us, and the old life naturally becomes less and less. To some extent this is inevitable and desirable also. The only question is whether, without deflecting our energies from professional studies, it would not be possible to retain some of the distinctive elements of university life.

We cannot fairly be accused of being self-centred, for, while loyal to our own institution, we have always cultivated close relations with the other theological colleges.

The annual intercollegiate debate and the interchange of delegates, etc., has done much to foster a spirit of union and to cultivate good feeling.

The same thing might easily be true regarding the Arts faculty. There, indeed, in the academic relations already existing there is a solid foundation for such a union.

But despite the fact that it exists, and that in other colleges the social union of Arts and Theology is a very real one, we have not done much to foster closer relations.

There are several ways in which it might be done.

The athletic movement in the college is full of promise. It is already organized, and no doubt next session shall see hockey matches played not only with the other theological colleges, but also with some of the class teams of McGill.