

# The Graduates' Society and Its Work

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[[NOTE—The following article has been written by the President of the Graduates' Society, outlining the work of the Society and its relationship to the University.

That the ideas expressed in this review are endorsed by the Principal is shown by the following note which we have received from Sir Arthur Currie. ]]

## FOREWORD

I have read with interest and approval the article appearing in this issue of *The McGill News* from the pen of the President of the Graduates' Society of McGill University—Mr. Homer Jaquays, M.Sc., M.A. '99. I wish all graduates of our University were as keenly interested in her welfare as Mr. Jaquays. I have often sought his advice and found it sane, helpful, and cheerfully given.

Because we are a national institution our constituency ranges far and wide, and for that reason it is all the more difficult to get the full force of McGill opinion effectively behind any project.

In the lives of all of us there are a few mountain tops, a few things that stand out more prominently than all the other experiences, a few things we reverently cherish. I am sure that in the hearts of the graduates of McGill, their Alma Mater is one of the mountain tops. Their continued interest in her welfare is one of her chief sources of strength.

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FROM time to time there comes to the attention of those who are closely connected with the Graduates' Society of McGill University indisputable evidence of a lack of knowledge on the part of graduates regarding the work of the Society, the relationship existing between it and the University, and what it has accomplished in the past; while expressions as to what the Society should do, now and in the future, exhibit a lack of unanimity that is disconcerting to those who are attempting to carry on the work of the Society.

Occasionally we hear the criticism that the Graduates' Society has accomplished little in the past and is accomplishing little at the present time. These are matters on which everybody has a right of opinion, but we believe that before giving judgment a full knowledge of the facts should be obtained, and concerning the present, what is being attempted should be recognized.

No comprehensive grasp of these matters can be obtained without reviewing briefly the history of the University and of the Society. In the first place, we must