

SEC. A.- REASON FOR DISCUSSING MCGILL IN THIS REPORT.

In considering an appeal in aid of McGill University it is only natural that the individual should first examine the operations of the institution which he is asked to support. Not being overburdened with this world's goods, the average graduate is anxious to employ his funds to the best advantage. He not only regards McGill as it was in his day, but is interested to know present conditions. Some have even taken the trouble to study the state of affairs and the problems that confront a growing university, while others base their views entirely on hearsay. Unfortunately the latter are in the majority, their theories being accordingly out of proportion to fact, and their ideas subject to correction.

Nevertheless it is the aim of this report to speak from the graduates viewpoints as fully as possible. The reader is asked not to consider the statements only from McGill's side or merely from the graduates', but to judge each point fairly from every angle. If this is done, it will be seen whether the criticism comes from misunderstanding, prejudice, disinterest, lack of thought, or is really based on just grounds.

SEC. B. COLLEGE SPIRIT AND COLLEGE LIFE.

SEC. B.(1) The Development of College Spirit.

SEC. B.(1) a. McGill.

A great number of McGill graduates have the feeling that their Alma Mater has not meant as much as it should to them. Looking back on their college days, they find little to bring back fond memories of campus life, of glamour, or of friendship.

SEC.B.(1) B. The American College

It is apparent to the graduate that McGill falls far wide of the mark set by the colleges to the south in instilling into their students that strong spirit which holds men together through the long years of struggle following their graduation.

The picture painted by several graduates, during interviews, is exemplified in their ideas of the American college reunion, which they affirm is awaited with longing, from year to year. Old gray-beards return for their fiftieth reunion and romp the campus like freshmen. They live for a glorious week in the land of fond memories. Their younger brothers, some of them the executives of large companies, the busiest of men, snatch a short respite from their toil, to better fit themselves to plunge anew into their affairs after a glorious home-coming. They come, young and old, from all parts of the continent, the appeal being nation-wide, and their goodwill renewed with every revival.

This picture is a little vivid, but comes directly from McGill men, who feel that a great deal of good arises from such association and activity. It would be folly to deny the fact that an alumnus derives pleasure and benefit by making his