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Colonel Wilfred Bovey,
Assistant Principal
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Dear Colonel Bovey:-

The first few copies of the WAR MEMORIALS SOUVENIR NUMBER came off the press last night, too late to get you at McGill, and, equally unfortunately, I was unable to locate you at your house; I am sending you herewith half a dozen copies.

This work, as you are well aware has been carried out under exceptional pressure, and we are making no apologies for unavoidable mistakes. I hope in looking over this volume, from cover to cover, that you will realize how many difficulties have been overcome.

The response to our first appeal was not what it should have been, and was immediately followed by other letters, in fact, in some cases it was necessary to write as many as eight letters before a photograph could be obtained from the community.

In connection with the financial support, this has, from the first, been a question of absolute confidence in the outcome of the entire undertaking, which was impossible to forecast working at such high pressure and with such a limited amount of time available. On the whole the response from Municipalities and individuals throughout the country has been somewhat encouraging. On the other hand, the response from many large concerns which we had figured would be certainties, were not realized. One case in particular, the largest Manufacturing Jewellery House in Canada, and the makers of more than 7000 memorial tablets, turned us down flatly. We are, however, very proud of this effort despite all the difficulties, and hope that it may be possible for one of the national Organizations which we have already discussed to take this up and place 50 to 100,000 copies of a second and enlarged edition across this country, for two purposes, first, as a means of education and inspiration of ideals which prompted the erection of these memorials, second, as a means of raising through the sale of copies a considerable sum of money for the purpose for which this work was intended.

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