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Dear Sir Robert:-

I have just received your letter of the 23rd, inst. which I presume has been sent to the heads of various Universities. I can assure you that McGill has very much in mind the importance of directing the attention of undergraduates to the origin, constitution and objects of the League of Nations. We had last year more than one opportunity of hearing speakers on the subject. The University debate with Oxford dealt with the question, and Mr. Bieler of the Secretariat addressed our students. We also heard one of the League's lecturers.

There are two points in this connection upon which I should be very glad to have your opinion. In the first place it seems to me that there is too great a tendency to regard the organization and the activities of the League as something of rather academic interest. On the other hand the time which can be given to the study is naturally more or less limited. Do you not think that if some sacrifice has to be made it would be much better to expend any available time in dealing with the activities of the League as an ordinary manner of government? The appearance of propaganda is avoided if we accept its existence as a matter of course.

In the second place I should very much appreciate your opinion on the latest developments in European politics to which the League has acceded. The greatest force operating against warfare is without doubt the force of public opinion, and in its reliance on this has hitherto been insufficient. I think that the League should be made to appear as one of the employers of force.