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True but true is the statement that every country gets the government it deserves. Like every rule of grammar, every truism has its exceptions. McGill students have a better government than they deserve principally because they are apathetic. Student apathy is a horrible thing.

Lets have another cup of coffee and quietly compare the governments we have set up over us at Ottawa, at Quebec, on the Champ de Mars and on the McGill Campus. About the government at Ottawa, there are, however untrue, whispers of graft. There are slightly louder but equally untrue whispers of graft about the government at Quebec. About the government on the Champ de Mars the stories of graft take on the ordinary conversational tone, but of course, they too are untrue.

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If you can find copies of the constitutions of the Students' Society, the McGill Union and the McGill Union Debating Society without troubling the secretary of the Society, read them. Then read them again skipping alternate words. They will convey exactly the same sense to you. When you have finished doing so go out and have two glasses of gin, come back and read the constitutions again and try to find in them, anywhere, directly or indirectly, anything that says four or so popular - vote-elected-do-nothing-busibodies shall enjoy the use, free of all charge for the term, of rather comfortable rooms in the McGill Union and thereinto introduce females when they think they can get away with it. That's quite alright anyway because, ten to one both the introducers and the introduced are virgins.

The McGill Daily reproduces from "boilerplate" a lengthy argument by Dr. Edward Beatty showing how advantageous to this country it would be if the Canadian Pacific Railway took over the assets of the Canadian National Railways at a low price and left the government holding the liabilities and three or four representatives of the McGill Daily go places to "cover" various sporting events and usually do worse than a correspondent would do.

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What to do about it? Let's put out the light and go to sleep? No! Let's start out on a useful little crusade of abolishing things so that McGill students wont have anything to be apathetic about.

Let's abolish the statue on the campus and erect in its room and stead a monument to Doctor Herbert Holt as a model of everything that is kind and upright and beautiful and Canadian in the finest sense of the word.

Abolish the Labour Club because it spreads propaganda and establish in its place an Ultraconservative Club because it won't spread propaganda.

Abolish the Red and White Revue because it takes too much time and is only an excuse for social intercourse. Retain the Players' Club because it doesn't take too much time and is only partly an excuse for social intercourse.

Abolish the Debating Union Society together with its nineteen-page constitution and encourage interclass debating slightly but not too much. Oratory is a dying art and a breeder of hot air and Rotarians anyway.

Abolish the Scarlet Key because it is American and sounds too much like a Scarlet Woman.

Do away with the University Band despite what the Dean of one of the faculties wrote about it in the Calendar when his son played in it because

culmination

Governors-General
Who visit Universities
Because

Governors-General are supposed to visit Universities;

Who

Drag deans
Away from their secretaries
For a prolonged orgy
Of handshaking;

Who

Interrupt the students
And ask silly questions
Because they are Governors-General;

Should be given
All possible honorary degrees
With the utmost celerity
And then deported
Back to England. !

it doesn't turn up half the time anyway and when it does its playing is lousy.

Don't bother to print the Students' Directory because the wise guys have little red books of their own.

Tie the can to the Political Economy Club because if the papers that are read at its meetings are any good the Chairman of the Department of Economics and Political Science gets mad and leaves the meeting and then the evenings' fun is spoiled.

Don't abolish the McGill Annual but reduce it in size keeping only the portrait section so that present undergraduates can show their grandchildren pictures of the women they made when they were tough young students.

Abolish the McGill Daily because if everything else is abolished the McGill Daily won't have anything to print.

This, however, is an age of "constructive criticism" so let us see what we can do along that line.

Assume that all undergraduates, both male and female, know the facts of life and that some of them enjoy them.

Redistribute the Universal Fee in such a way as to appropriate a much larger sum to the McGill Union and use a good deal of this sum to make the Union a place that students will want to come to. Substitute round for rectangular tables in the restaurant and put tablecloths on them and hire waiters to serve the meals. Turn the so-called Grill Room into a comfortable and inviting club room where females might be introduced and keep the females off the second floor after it has been suitably redecorated for the use of men.

Substitute enamelled metal seats for the present wooden ones in the latrines and erect a nice place for women. It is really a crying shame to see so many uncomfortable women in the Union. As a matter of fact its a crying shame to see so many women in the Union anyway.

Knock down the partitions between the Book Exchange, Players' Club and McGill Daily. Furnish the whole place nicely after having redivided it into small rooms and don't ask anybody what goes on there.

Add a new and useful line to the Union Tuck Shop. It will surely show a handsome profit.