

hundred thousand dollars in aid of its funds. This sole relation gives it complete academic freedom, and has caused it to be regarded, in a sense, as the national University of Canada, which is borne out by the statement that a very large percentage of its two thousand students have always come from outside the Province of Quebec. McGill University begs to assure Your Royal Highness that it is thoroughly alive to the great demands made upon it by the recent and vast expansions of academic education and that it is exerting itself to keep abreast of them. At the same time it will guard and cherish subjects that have been of transcendent moment in the intellectual development of mankind in the past. It has been remarked that the by-products of an industry are often more valuable than the parent industry itself. Culture and higher aspects of civilization are sometimes viewed and spoken of as if they were by-products, but it is they alone that give to life its dignity and splendour.

The University begs that Your Royal Highness will, on your return, convey to our illustrious Sovereign and our beloved Queen its most dutiful respects. And it hopes that your visit to Canada will be one of Your Royal Highness' most happy memories - a memory alike inspiring to you and to the country that has exhibited such intense loyalty to your person and to the throne.