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Lt. Colonel William Bovey,
McGill University,
Montreal,
CANADA.

Dear Colonel Bovey,

I see in a cutting from the "Montreal Daily Star" of March 18th that McGill University is contemplating sending a debating team to England this summer. I do not of course know how your arrangements are progressing, but I am very much afraid that you will find great difficulty in fixing up debates with any of the Universities. We have made a definite arrangement with them that not more than two teams shall be received in this country every year. One in each year will be an American team: that is only fair considering the number of our teams that has been received in America. Also the American teams pay all their own travelling expenses and the only charge on the Universities is for entertainment. The second team each year will, we hope, come from one of the Dominions. For these teams it will be necessary to make some financial arrangement similar to the arrangement you have made for our teams in Canada.

As making a charge for admission to debates is an entirely new departure for the English Universities (and incidentally is out of the question at Oxford and Cambridge) we decided to experiment this year with a team which would not require very heavy financial support. The Australian Team from Sydney University, which toured the United States of America last autumn, wrote us that they would like to come on to England. As the team would consist of