

SEC.E.-(1)c. McGill is noted when speaking of honorary degrees. The old adage of a man not being a prophet in his own country has been applied to McGill's awarding these honours. The feeling is that the authorities ought to recognize the achievements of their own graduates even more than those of men who may be famous, but who are strangers to McGill and its work.

SEC.E.-(2) The College and the Graduate - Summary

The purpose of the University is to produce alumni; it is no less the purpose of the college to retain the interest and the INTELLIGENT support of its alumni, that they can remain a vital factor in the constituency of the college. It seems that what the graduates can do for the community is the objective of the college.

Regarding the same question from another angle, the aim of McGill, or of any other university, is to render major service to its undergraduate. Following out that idea, the only reason for rendering service to its undergraduate is that he shall bring credit to himself after graduation, consequently serving his college and the community in which he lives.

(Explanation of the last chapter)

In a report on an Endowment Fund appeal this long and spirited discourse about McGill University and her short-comings, both theoretical and practical, may seem of an apparently needless nature. This, however, in the eyes of many alumni, is far from the case. There is a natural tendency for an individual, when asked for a subscription, to question thoroughly the cause which he is supporting. Any contemplation of a subscription to McGill exposes certain primary enquiries which have to be met with favourable response. These first investigations devolve, usually, on McGill herself.

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INQUIRIES ABOUT MCGILL'S FINANCES

McGill's financial position to the casual observer is apparently sound. The average graduate does not realize that a combination of the tuition fees, endowment, and the negligible grant from the government, is insufficient, by many thousands annually, to cover expenditure. When impressed with this truth he is anxious to know just where the money goes and how it is administered. If he is of the opinion, and many are, that there is mal-administration in the University, he is reluctant to help until convinced to the contrary. There are many who express complete confidence in the administrators of any McGill fund to which they contribute, but unfortunately there are more who do not.

There have been so many inquiries about McGill and the Graduates' Society that they merit consideration separately and will be mentioned later, as a key to the information which should be circulated among the graduates in preparation for the fund appeal.