

February 21, 1921.

Miss S. Macfarlan,
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Montreal.

Dear Miss Macfarlane,

I have your letter of the 18th with reference to co-operating with you to meet Mr. Keen's wishes. I have had some correspondence with him, and was forced to telegraph to him last week that I was unable to get anyone to arrange for a lunch at which Mr. Keen could meet some prominent men of Montreal who would be willing to assist him in launching a campaign for funds for the Grenfell endowment. In a way I am sorry that Mr. Keen had approached me, because frankly I have not the time to give to this work. It is not because I do not appreciate the value of Dr. Grenfell's work, nor the need of funds. I know that few calls made to the public for financial assistance are more worthy of sympathetic consideration, and I would like to help if I could but my work with the University takes up so much of my time that I scarcely have a moment to myself.

I did speak to a few of my friends, all of whom thought that the present was an inopportune time for organizing a campaign for funds for this work. I have come to Montreal so recently that I do not know who have been the supporters of Dr. Grenfell in the past. Under these circumstances I think it would be well if somebody else take this matter in hand. My advice to Mr. Keen was that he come to Montreal himself to look over the ground, and get in touch with former supporters and decide on the spot what was the best thing to be done.

I am returning herewith Mr. Keen's letter to you.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.