

October 10th, 1925.

Major D. Stuart Forbes,
Athletic Manager,
McGill University.

Dear Major Forbes:-

Much though one would like to comply with any request of the Associated Charities their proposal for an appeal to be made during the football games is not one which can be considered from the personal point of view. There are two difficulties which seem almost insuperable to carrying out such a proposal, which would necessarily serve as a precedent in other cases.

In the first place the University is in itself an institution which exists on the gifts of the people, largely of Montreal, and it does not seem fair that we should as an institution be called upon to make other appeals. Suppose, for example, a bazaar were given to aid the Associated Charities we could hardly ask them to reciprocate for such a favour as is now suggested by putting on an appeal for McGill. We cannot, moreover, consider the Associated Charities alone. There are a number of other charitable institutions, such as the hospitals, which would be perfectly entitled to invite like consideration.

The second point is one which was discussed, you will remember, when certain appeals were made last year. Those who go to football matches do so for the sake of an afternoon's enjoyment. Indeed there are many who purchase season tickets almost as much to help out the McGill Football Team as for any other purpose. It is quite open to question whether