

COPY FOR SIR ARTHUR CURRIE.

July 8, 1921.

John W. Ross, Esq.,  
McGill University,  
Sherbrooke St., W.,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the writer's subscription in favour of the McGill University Centennial Endowment Fund, please be advised that same has been withdrawn, for the very good reason that consideration must be had that the money was solicited under false pretences inasmuch as all classes of the community, here and elsewhere, were canvassed and solicited on behalf of a supposedly non-sectarian university, when in reality same was denominational of a most outstanding character.

Witness to this fact I would duly submit the recent action of the McGill University in that all Catholics holding office in the Social Service Department of McGill were dismissed for the sole reason of their adherence to the Catholic religion and, in the writer's particular instance this action was based on the protest of a certain religious group affiliated with McGill University and indorsement of this protest followed by way of an appointment of one of their clergymen as substitute.

For this reason and for others which have come to the attention of the writer during his under-graduate and post-graduate career, outstanding instances of grossly bigoted nature, the writer is reluctantly taking this opportunity of advising you of cancellation of his original intention, during the enthusiasm of the drive, to subscribe to the funds of the University.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir Arthur Currie in the hope that the Governors of McGill University may see fit to change the course of tactics calculated to narrow the field of opportunity, which Canada's biggest university should have been the first to extend.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. A. L. Styles.  
M.D.