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Reference your letter of January 21st, 1918, dealing with the need of co-ordination in medical and hospital work, the following is submitted.

At all times during the past ³⁰~~two~~ years there have been two main divisions of medical life in Montreal. On one side there were the graduates of McGill and on the other side were the graduates of Bishop. Within these main divisions there were two others, namely those who were on the staffs of hospitals and those who were not. There were minor segregations of staffs of the various hospitals. At the time when Bishop's medical faculty was merged into the faculty of McGill there was a prospect that the two main divisions would be brought together. That has not been the result. The reason was that the terms of the agreement were not carried out either in the letter or the spirit of it. Major Wilson is quite wrong in his recollection that a specific number of appointments were to be set aside for graduates of Bishop College. Such a proposal was made, but I made the counter proposal that no such hard and fast agreement should be made. The final arrangement was that as the occasion arose all persons should be considered on their merits without reference to their previous affiliations. It was certainly the understanding that in course of time graduates of Bishop College would be considered of sufficient merit to warrant their appointment to McGill.

All this happened 15 years ago, and it is not in my memory that any graduate of Bishop's has been so appointed.