

soon forced to conclude that reputations are not taken for granted nowadays; and it will indeed be a sad day when McGill wakes up, unless it faces the whole question bravely now.

To sum up, McGill graduates must not merely assume that they are playing a leading part in the national life of to-day. They must examine the attitude of the middle aged graduates, to the current problems, and when they do that, they will be compelled to realise that the average graduate of that age is quite oblivious to the prevailing trend of thought all round him. This is a sad contrast with the attitude of men from elsewhere, and is due to the all too influential effect of their student training in blind obedience to out worn shibboleths. Further more one can derive no comfort from the attitude of the normal graduate today. Only by approaching the problems of national life in a free, tolerant, and objective manner, and by training her sons to do the same, can the University continue to uphold the reputation she once held, and which, tested on the lines indicated above, appears now to be slipping from her. Only then, after a searching self-examination can she really congratulate herself on the part her graduates are playing in the nation's active life.

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