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Dear Dr. Kennedy,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant regarding the desirability of arranging for an inter-university billiard tournament. I am informed that at the present time there are sixteen different types of inter-collegiate competition between McGill and Toronto. Regarding the billiard tournament, it seems to me that the only good that would come from it would be the advantages which the participants would derive from association with each other. I believe the more the student body of one university mixes with that of another, the better it is for themselves, for the university and for the creation of sound "Canadianism". Yet we must admit that these inter-collegiate competitions keep a good many of our men from giving the attention to their studies which in most cases is necessary. I am afraid that if we introduce billiards into the competition we shall have too many spending their evenings practising billiards in all sorts of places. It is not a game which contributes to a man's physical well-being to any great extent, yet I know that a man to be a good billiard player must be in good bodily health, must have good control of his nerves and must be possessed of an equable temperament. All of these qualities are highly desirable, but somehow or other I cannot bring myself to believe that there is any very great need for us to bring the proposed tournament. I am sorry if these views disappoint you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,