

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nov. 6th, 1910.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MARTLET:

DEAR SIR,—Every one of us who was here at the end of last session will remember the scheme put forward by the graduating class of 1910 to raise \$250,000 for a gymnasium. It was acknowledged on all hands that the present gymnasium is quite unfitted for a University of the size of McGill, and many of the Faculty gave their personal support to the new project. It was enthusiastically received by the great body of students, and large sums of caution-money were voted away to pay for the preliminary expenses of organization. Rarely before in the history of Old McGill has such a spirit been shown, such a determination to do something for our Alma Mater.

Two years ago the Executive of the Union saw that with the existing means of support the building would fall into ever-increasing debt. Such has subsequently been the case. They therefore set on foot a project for raising a substantial endowment fund, the interest of which would help to repay all expenses.

Both of these projects were blocked, and by the same obstacle. The powers that be said that they were about to start a big financial campaign for McGill, and that any previous collection would lessen their chances of getting the money they wanted.

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