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Dr. F. Cyril James,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. James,-

Such ~~X~~ worthwhile criticism as that conveyed in your note of February 23rd comes all too rarely to our editorial desk, and I should therefore like to express my appreciation for your interesting comments.

It is unfortunate that a student-editor with a "persistent willingness to dig to the root of the matter before stating an opinion" should be faced time and again with topics which must be interpreted, yet which he feels require far greater time and effort in research and interpretation than he could possibly have at his disposal. He must therefore make the interpretation while indicating clearly the nature of his sources and the possibility of error in that interpretation.

It is rather difficult, for me to see that an editorial beginning: "if we are to believe....." indicates an "unquestioning faith" in the Toronto "News" article. That the article had itself the interpretative character of editorial writing, and that it was perhaps written in somewhat "sensational" vein, I agree, but it still struck me as being remarkably well-informed.

Whenever, "on matters of this kind" as on all matters, a different interpretation seems at least equally reasonable if not more convincing, we shall make a point of saying so. On the Dalhousie topic, we would especially welcome information and opinions from those wiser and more experienced in "the history of universities".

I hope the day will never come when we consider our editorial conclusions definitive. An expansion of the thought contained in the third paragraph of your letter would, therefore, have been very valuable to us.

Very sincerely yours,

Gus Richter

H.A. Richter,
Editor-in-Chief.