

matters, and its usefulness will increase as time goes on, for the University authorities are using it more and more as a means of communicating with the Alumni.

For the past few years, a special effort has been made to encourage all members of the graduating classes to join the Society before Convocation. Membership fees for the first year and a half are paid out of the caution money, and in this way the Society has been successful in recruiting a high percentage of new graduates to its ranks.

This year, with the help of the Federal and the Provincial Governments, the Society has engaged the services of one person to assist graduates in obtaining positions. Though, owing to the small amount of funds available, it is obligatory that this work be carried on in a modest manner, the arrangement furnishes means of contact between outside employers and our graduates. This work is done quietly but continually, and the result has been the placing in responsible positions of a considerable number of graduates. Under to-day's conditions, it is needless to point out that those who have received this assistance from the Society have expressed themselves deeply indebted to us for the efforts made on their behalf.

In concluding this brief summary, it is essential to point out that the activities of the Society, and the work that it can do, depend largely upon its finances.

The annual subscription for members, including the official publication, *The McGill News*, is only three dollars. Where the member is also a member of a Branch Society, one dollar of this subscription is handed back to the Branch Society.

It is at once evident, from the figures given in the foregoing, that the work of the Society and its various activities must be restricted. If fifty per cent. of our graduates were members of the Society, much more could be done for the University and for the graduates. Undoubtedly the interest of graduates is stimulated through the efforts of the Society, and by the information concerning McGill that is afforded. We have now eighteen active Branches, over 3,000 members, and living degree holders numbering approximately 10,098. To keep so large a body in touch with the activities of the University demands a very considerable expenditure. We have about one dollar per graduate with which to carry on the work.

Your Executive, however, feels that we have a great and essential work to do in maintaining the interest of our Body, and the public in general, in the affairs of the University. We feel it is the duty of the graduates to give what financial assistance they can to the University, to extend her good name, to extol her merits, and to assist in spreading knowledge of the great work the University is accomplishing. It is one of the functions of the Society to bring home to all graduates these facts, together with the thought that McGill belongs a little more to them than to any other Body.

To us particularly, as graduates, accrues the privilege of caring more deeply and working more effectively than others for the welfare of our Alma Mater. If we can secure a general recognition and appreciation of this fact, there is no fear but that McGill, with her fine traditions, will do for our children and our children's children, in an ever-increasing degree, that which she has done for us.

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