

5th April 1933.

Senor J. Humberto Piquell,
Consul of Peru,
MONTREAL.

Sir:-

I duly received your letter of the 11th March and have made an inquiry concerning the occurrence of which you make note.

I should perhaps explain that our clubs are quite free to discuss any matter with which they wish to deal and it would be quite contrary to our policy and, indeed, to that of universities in general, to limit the subjects of discussion. So far as we are concerned the main object of the club is to encourage in our students an interest in Spanish culture and to acquaint them with events in Spanish-speaking countries.

A speech made at any of the meetings of these student clubs is never to be taken as in any way approved by the University, nor as expressing University opinion. In such a matter as the unfortunate controversy which has arisen between your country and Colombia, the University as such can have no opinion. May I direct your attention to the fact that Professor Sugars, the Director-Secretary of the School of Commerce of the University, and the Senior University official who was present at the meeting, made it perfectly clear to the audience that General Jaramillo Isaza had expressed only one side of the case. May I add further that General Isaza was not expected to speak on this subject at all, but upon that of the Economic Resources of his country, so that the discussion was really a complete surprise to ourselves.

Trusting that I have made the matter clear and that you understand that nothing could be further from our intention than to offer any insult to your country, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.