

June 16, 1923.

Miss Joan Foster,
36 Coburg St.,
ST. JOHN N.B.

My dear Joan,

After consultation with the Principal, I am writing to ask you whether you would consider returning to McGill to take an M.A. degree and at the same time coming into residence to assist the Staff here.

Miss Pickel is leaving to pursue her work for a higher degree elsewhere and we have no one on the teaching staff this year to take her place.

We are therefore proposing to have two M.A. students in residence, to encourage students to proceed with post-graduate studies and to obtain the kind of help in the College that junior assistants are able to give.

The terms would be that you would receive one room and free board and lodging in return for general duties-not of an arduous nature, but very important to us. You would be expected to take a table at dinner, to be in the office certain hours in alternation with other members of the staff to be consulted by students about engagements, to take your turn in receiving reports from students after late engagements at night, and to take a share in chaperoning student parties, snow-shoe tramps or skating parties, etc. joint debates - and various enterprises. Generally, to concern yourself with the interests of College students.

I should say that I have conferred with Professor Basil Williams and he would be glad to have you as a graduate student if you wished to do further work in History. He would be glad to see you accept the offer we make but asks me to say that he considers that a year of hard concentrated study is required for the M.A. Examination and Thesis, and he cannot estimate how far duties in residence might hinder you. He allows me to add, however, that his Department would make no objection to your extending your work for the M.A. beyond one year if necessary. My opinion is that with definite concentration