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Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

The McGill Graduates Endowment Fund is, as you know, responsible for the collecting of this Fund, and I should perhaps also draw your attention to the fact that it is rather a different organization from the Trustees, who are responsible for the care and employment of the Fund. Almost from the end of the first year, when matters opened up with great enthusiasm, the Committee have felt every sort of response from lukewarmness through the whole gamut to active opposition, with some few high spots of enthusiastic support. At odd times open expression has been given to all these different moods, and in many cases proper explanation was able to convert some at least of the antagonism, or want of response. Last Autumn we felt that we should get a closer estimate of the reasons why we were not able to secure not only a larger sum of money, but subscriptions from a larger percentage of the Graduates. To do this, our Committee were of course not able to spend the time personally, and we therefore arranged that Mr. Alan Swabey, a Commerce Graduate, should call upon a large proportion of the Graduates in the city of Montreal, and feel them out as to their attitude towards the Fund. In his interviews a great deal of information about the Graduates Society and its good and bad features developed, and in addition to that there was a good deal of criticism constructive and otherwise, about McGill. We propose to issue this report to the officials of the Graduate Society and perhaps to the Chairmen of the different Branch Societies in the thought that it might help to increase the appeal of the Graduates Society amongst the Graduate Body.

On the other hand at the last meeting of the Committee I undertook to submit the report to you before it was published in any way other than simply being read by the individual members of our Committee. It was thought that the report might be of interest to you, in so far as it bears on McGill itself, and that perhaps you might care to have a number of copies for distribution amongst the Governing Body, or the Professors. I had hoped to come up and see you, partly to have