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In Arts and Commerce this year there are registered about 1250 students, and in the whole University nearly 2800, or some 160 more than last year. This is quite satisfactory, particularly in view of the fact that the standards in all departments have been raised during the last four years. You know our policy is not an effort to acquire a large enrolment, but rather to deserve the pick of Canadian students. The cosmopolitan character is still maintained, students coming from practically everywhere. We have less Jews in attendance than last year, probably because of our arbitrary action in refusing certain applications.

You were good enough to ask about Garner. I am sorry to say he is once more at home and his ankle in plaster of paris again. I think the cause was a little over-indulgence in football, not justified in one whose ankle has the history of Garner's. He is getting along fairly well at Ashbury and if he had even an average chance would, I think, find no difficulty in keeping up with his work. In no year has he been free from illness which kept him away from school for considerable periods.

You will be interested in knowing that the University has bought the Baumgarten house, the large residence just opposite the Library. I have always advised its purchase, believing that it was a valuable piece of property for the University to own. In the end the price became so ridiculously low that we could not afford to hesitate any longer. It is now being renovated to some extent and after Christmas we shall move in there and occupy it as a residence until it becomes more valuable for other purposes. The Historical Club, which is still going strong, are coming to spend an evening with me on January 25th. I assure you I am very glad indeed to get back to a house, not wanting to spend another year as the one just gone by.