

Now there is at least something similar in McGill, a spirit that lifts the student at once into a new world—that of achievement and excellence for its own sake,—that lays upon him obligations transcending altogether those of any mere provincialism or localism, or those of any mere personal predilection and advantage. Not to discover this when at McGill is to miss something of the real inspiration of the place, and it is only this sort of inspiration that can unite us all, that can bring any college spirit that we do have up to its highest level. The greatest obligation, therefore, upon the McGill student is to enter in a whole-souled manner into any movements and projects that foster and cultivate this inspiration, this real spirit of the place. He who does this can no longer be a mere indifferentist, a man looking about for what he can get, instead of thinking actively about what he can give to the common life.

With the mention of two enterprises that are eminently calculated to develop the large university spirit in our college world here, I will terminate these reflections and suggestions. There is the Union and there is the new Students' Society that has replaced the old Alma Mater Society. It is certainly the duty of every McGill student to take an interest in the question now actively discussed among those interested in the Union—whether this institution shall continue to be a social club with certain incidental advantages (a students' dining-room e.g.) for those who pay a small annual subscription fee, or whether means can be devised for making the place in the main

the headquarters for all student clubs and all student enterprises. And it is certainly the duty and interest of every student to attend the mass meeting to be called early in March—at a morning hour when lectures are to be suspended, for the purpose—of the aforesaid new Student's Society. At this meeting the chief topic will naturally be a further attempt that may naturally be made in the near future for the better organization of student power and student sentiment. That is our first and our most essential step in the creation and maintenance of a real university spirit. More things invariably come out of such a meeting than can at first be anticipated. It is within the personal knowledge of the present writer that there are now about McGill (in the senior years, and among the more mature men of the university), a score or so of men who for many reasons know all about the working of student enterprises in the past, and know, too, a great deal about our needs in the immediate future. They have thought long and deeply and very practically, about this Student Council and Student Society, and they have the support of the Faculties of the University and members of the teaching staff. They are preparing for a good meeting, and he is certainly no loyal son of McGill who does not see in this meeting perhaps the beginning of a study in the college year, and the beginning, too, of many other good things for our Alma Mater. Why might not this annual meeting be held on the morning of Sports Day, or during the Graduation week?

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