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King's and Us

Our university may be unique in Canada, because of our relationship with another college which borders upon ours, yet which is to a great extent a separate and distinct seat of learning. Few Dalhousians today know and understand the connection of the University of King's College with Dalhousie.

What, then, is the history of King's, and whence stems the aura of mystery surrounding its origin upon our campus?

King's College was founded in 1790 at Windsor, Nova Scotia. After 130 years of faithful service, the buildings at Windsor were destroyed by fire in 1920. It was at this time that fate, in the form of the Carnegie Foundation of New York, stepped in. The Corporation, which had done much to further higher education in the United States, wished to aid the weaker colleges in the Maritimes, if in some way it could co-ordinate them. So arose the idea of a federation of universities in the Maritimes; and this scheme of centralized education was to be fulfilled at Halifax.

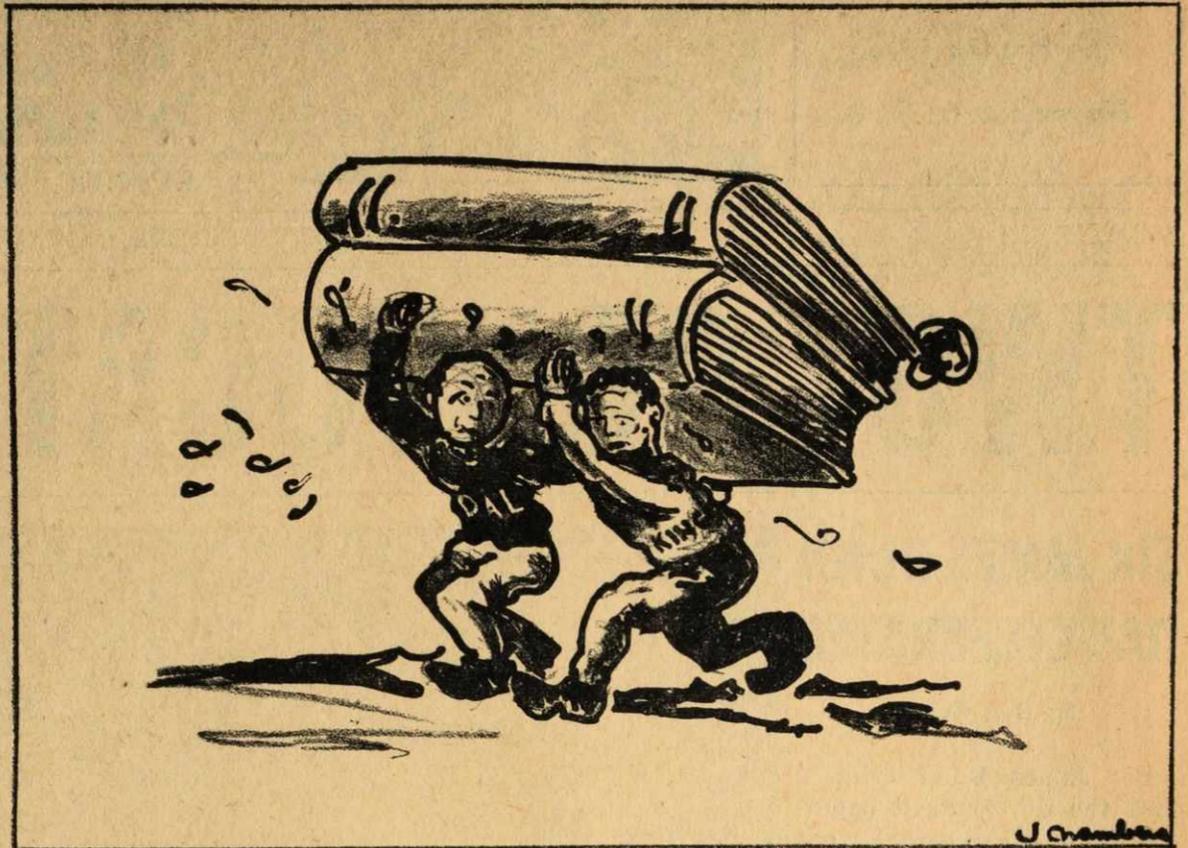
Accordingly, the Corporation offered King's College a \$600,000 endowment if she would move to Halifax and become associated with Dalhousie. King's officials for a time balked at this, but it soon became apparent that association with Dalhousie was better than slow dissipation at Windsor. Since it was found not practicable to bring other colleges into the scheme at the time, King's agreed to associate with Dalhousie as a step toward the new federation. In 1923, committees from both colleges met and deliberated over clauses of association. These are the basic fundamentals upon which rested the Dalhousie - King's agreement:

- (1) The independence of both colleges in self-administration would be recognized.
- (2) "Duplication of effort" was to be avoided by placing the separate colleges under one institution of learning.
- (3) Dalhousie would grant to King's, for building purposes, a tract of campus land not exceeding five acres.
- (4) That King's would hold and administer all its present funds. King's, on her part of the agreement, would:
 - (1) Instruct in courses in Divinity, and in Arts and Science; but could only grant degrees in Divinity or other course not taught at Dalhousie.
 - (2) Transfer to Dalhousie her library collections, as well as her scientific apparatus and collections.
 - (3) Reserve appointment of instructors in all courses except Divinity for approval by the Dalhousie Board of Governors.

It may be seen that from this agreement King's has gained certain advantages, but she has given up some of her privileges as well. Dalhousie has, from the first, indicated her willingness to go more than half way in the extension of her facilities. This idea of an equitable and fair agreement was applauded then, and we hope it will remain.

If this was the spirit in which the original agreement was drawn up, we approve that spirit. But it is nevertheless probable that over the years various discrepancies in the agreement may have arisen, and certain distortions may have appeared. If it is for this reason, and in this spirit, that the committee recently appointed by the Dalhousie Council of Students undertakes to review aspects of the agreement, we give it our hearty endorsement.

Something in Common



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Re: Alleged Apathy

Physics Department,
Science Building,
Dalhousie University
October 28, 1958.

Editor-in-Chief
The Dalhousie Gazette,
Dalhousie University.

Dear Miss Bell:
re: alleged apathy, etc.

A certain farmer conditioned his pigs to come to food upon his pounding a hollow log. All went well, until a group of woodpeckers moved into a nearby woodlot. In the resulting melee the pigs died of exertion. What began as a practical improvement became complete waste.

Similarly (well, almost) many of our students are interested in adding to the vigor of our campus life with positive suggestions. They shouldn't have to wear themselves out perusing the specific complaints of a few thwarted "disturbers." I am here alluding to the nausea contributed by "Individuals" and "Disgusted."

In answer, may I remark that if "Individualist" wishes to hoist himself out of the haze of apathy and conformity, suppose he begin by providing himself with the honest individuality of a name! If "Disgusted" desires attention, perhaps he, too, might stand up to be seen.

As for their desire for some "angry young men," I hope that they realize that most of the bloody upheavals in the present world are being conducted and supported by just such types. As citizens of a nation which has won independence and respect by personal achievement, united effort and cultural maturity, rather than hot-headed nationalism, "Individualist" and "Disgusted" should realize that these same "angry young men" would be much happier and come closer to their goals if they would open their eyes, close their mouths and become "busy young men." If it is "busy young men" that they seek, I refer them to the department of Chemistry, Dentistry, Engineering, Law, Mathematics, Medicine and Physics. When a beaver slaps his tail, there is usually a reason for the noise.

Please accept my compliments on a fine publication, I remain,

Optimistically yours,
Normal Paul Patterson.

Editorial Comment

Anything New?

Reprinted from The McGill Daily

We heard once of an eccentric journalist who insisted that the word "news" was a plural noun and should be treated as such. It was his custom to saunter into a newsroom and demand of the staff, "Are there any news?"

We ask ourselves that question often. We wander into committee meetings, we listen to speeches, we watch football games. But few news do we find.

After scouring the campus in search of a germinal seed, a promise of change, some dark iconoclast to tear away the veil, we find only hesitant spokesmen, people studying, and quiet couples, talking over coffee. In headlines like "Founder's Day Observed", and "SEC Prunes Budget, we record the march of time.

It's laziness, of course. We're like the drunk who looked for his money under the streetlight—not because he'd dropped it there, but because it was the only place he could see. So we report meetings, announcements, results—not because they're vital or significant, but because they're tangible and easy to report.

Perhaps those are the news of this era—that people work hard and have fun and live their lives without benefit of goldfish swallowing and noisy proclamations. And we say their opinion is good. But while news like these might foreshadow a saner, happier future, they make for awfully dull reading in the present.

So wearily we plod back to our office, to watch our index finger poking out the unportentous word for Wednesday morning:
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