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The Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Principal,

I have read the letter and music sent you by Mr. Fogarty. Although he mentions a "Marching Song" which he has composed for McGill, yet he does not send it for us to see. It is, therefore, impossible to say whether or not it would be acceptable.

As regards the music he does send, I can only say it is neither better nor worse than the usual type of Brass -- or Military -- Band march. It is thoroughly conventional and, to me, uninspiring and uninspired, though it would serve its purpose quite adequately.

If you would like me to comment upon the March Song he has written for McGill, he might be asked to send it. If you would rather not go any further in the matter, you might say that the question of a song for McGill has been under consideration for sometime now -- in fact, has been written -- which is quite true.

The chief difficulty in introducing a new song into University life is the necessary displacement of other songs already dear to generations of students.

I beg to remain, Mr. Principal,

Yours sincerely,

*Douglas Clarke*

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*I return herewith  
the music + cuttings  
D.C.*