

a climax, a person occupying such a position as Stanley occupied had lost his usefulness in that particular position.

I enclose a clipping from the "Halifax Chronicle" of February 28 which gives a statement of Colonel K.C. Laurie, President of the Governing Board. I think it is accurate. Someone has been feeding the Toronto newspapers with statements supposed to be of help to Carleton Stanley. I think you are acquainted with the party; he is very friendly to Dr. Stanley, but I think that his efforts are misdirected. In last week's issue of "Saturday Night" the statement was made, editorially, that Dr. Stanley had been offered the principalship of McGill University and refused it out of loyalty to Dalhousie. You may accept that statement at face value; I do not, and for very good reasons. It is just possible that you would not accept it either. I thought you would find the clipping of some interest, and if anything further along these lines appears, I will send it on to you.

I understand that Dr. Stanley will finish the present year with Dalhousie University and up till the time he attains the age of sixty five years he will get a retiring allowance of \$5000.00. After that, his income in that connection will be \$4200.00, in accordance with the arrangement made by Dalhousie University, and the Carnegie Fund, into which I believe Dalhousie University has been paying, on his behalf, \$500.00 a year as agreed when he took the position of Principal of the University.

It is unfortunate, at this juncture, that matters should have come to such a climax. Stanley is a likeable man; I have found him a gentleman, agreeable to meet, and of ability in some lines, but he has not measured up to the job that was his. Apparently he has talked himself out of a good position. A number of Maritime universities are moving forward these days collecting money, rejuvenating their staffs, and making plans for post-war training of those who want such help; but Dalhousie is not in a position to take the necessary large steps now that are timely, and one important reason was that the present principal was not competent to lead the forces and to crystallize public opinion so that the necessary results could be obtained. Not that he would have been asked to canvass for money, but he would have to at least do the window dressing to display the goods which it was stated were stored behind the plate glass. What a crude way I have of dealing with superclassics and esoteric matters.

As I have given you the lowdown in these matters and mentioned other names, I think when you have read all these words and committed them to memory as classical references, you should tear the letter into little bits and confine it to your waste-