

As regards the home cooperating with the College, it's a far call between Winnipeg and Montreal. It is difficult for father in the home in Winnipeg to diagnose so far as his son's work at McGill College in Montreal whether or not there is something dead under the house. Rightly or wrongly, I told my son Arthur C. Allan that his life is his own and his career is in his own hands and that I have to trust him so long as I am educating him to play the game like a white man and to accord his father a square deal and that by doing so to the greatest possible extent his health, his happiness and his career will be advanced. With a father in Winnipeg and a son in Montreal, it is practically impossible that the father can maintain real contact with the son. I cannot tell what he is doing or how he is getting on save by a sense of hunch, and practically any boy can "buffalo" his father if he sees fit.

When my son left for McGill College towards the end of September he agreed with me that he would write me at short intervals so as to keep me in touch with his work, his play and all his activities and I agreed that I would write to him also at short intervals as I would be keenly interested in his letters and at the same time I would keep him in touch with all family news here and with happenings in his own home town. As a matter of fact he hasn't written to me for over a month. I don't know his present address and I don't know what Fraternity he has joined, nor whether he is living in a Fraternity House or not. In this failure to live up to his agreement to write frequently to his father, I have no hesitation in saying that he has behaved like a young skunk.

I note that Professor R.R.Thompson has been appointed my son's special adviser during the first year and that you feel he would be pleased to hear from me. As this letter contains about the only information or ideas like y to affect my son's career in the University and feeling sure that you would have no objection to my doing so, I am sending Professor R.R. Thompson a copy of your letter to me and my reply and I am also sending a copy of your letter and my reply to my son. I have a sort of feeling that when he receives same he will know your views and mine.

Thanking you again for your kind letter,

With kind regards, believe me to remain,
Yours very sincerely,

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