

Mr. Lockhart speaks of "rightful payment" and "just claims", no doubt based on his statement that "the University Governors encouraged students to enlist". I prefer to believe that the students at this University enlisted because they considered it their duty to serve their Country in her hour of need, rather than on account of any encouragement from the Board of Governors.

McGill is not a State supported University. She derives her income from the fees of students and the income from endowments or gifts. The financial condition of the University rendered an appeal to the public necessary. Before an university can rightly appeal to the public she must be in a position to assure that public that there is no waste in the matter of expenditure, and that she has made full use of the opportunities within her own control for adding to her income. Higher education has always been provided at a fraction of its cost and the charge for it has not kept pace with the increase of cost. The Governors of the University felt that the fees should be raised and were within their right in raising them to all students.

The Returned Men's Association were within their rights in making an appeal to the Governors for a remission of the increase. The arguments supporting their appeal were well founded and received sympathetic consideration. The Returned Men's Association did not demand the remission of the increase as a matter of right. The Governors considered the appeal and approved of the policy which I have outlined above. I am simply their agent in carrying out that policy.

I do not wish to engage in any controversy with Mr. Lockhart, or any other student, though I cannot refrain from pointing out some glaring inaccuracies in his statements. In his letter in the issue of February 17th he states that "discussion on the matter was refused altogether". In making such