

May 13, 1920.

William M. Birks, Esq.,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Birks:-

I hand you with this two copies of a letter addressed to the Acting Principal and dealing with the question of aid to "returned" men attending the University. In the letter I attempted to estimate the number of soldier students who will be unable to complete their courses at McGill unless given pecuniary assistance and I suggested that the Patriotic Fund might possibly provide this money. I have already submitted the estimates as far as they concern the Science Faculty to Miss Helen Reid and others.

If anything is done along the lines suggested, it will presumably have to be national in scope and will have to cover students in all Canadian Universities. I beg, therefore, to submit that a rough estimate prepared by Dr. Adams and myself and another estimate independently prepared by Sir Robert Falconer in another connection both indicate that McGill has something better than one-tenth of the soldier students now attending Canadian Universities. If, therefore, the figures given for McGill are multiplied by ten, it will, I think, be safe to accept them as applying to a national scheme of the proposed character.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman of the Faculty.