

are represented on the corporation of McGill most directly by the Representative Fellows, in the election of whom every graduate may cast his vote. And allow me, gentlemen, to suggest to you the desirability of at once, before you leave the city, complying with those conditions to be observed in order that you may be able, without further trouble, to vote annually for Representative Fellows.

On the one hand it is the plain duty of the University to place within the reach of all her graduates sources of the fullest information in reference to all her affairs; and it is equally your duty to give such information the most careful consideration. Remember that the time is past, if it ever existed, when the entire interests of a great university can be safely trusted to any one man or any dozen men, however great their ability or however pure their motives. The government of universities by an autocracy of any kind is directly opposed to the spirit of the age. Not that the great multitude should express itself directly in the councils of the highest centre of learning; but I do maintain that the echoes of the humblest village school-room should be heard and regarded by the powers that more directly guide the university ship; and you, gentlemen, may be the only medium, possibly, through which these significant echoes may reach the centres of university life. If after the best study you can give to the affairs of your *Alma Mater* you are convinced that all is as well as it may be, then support the University methods heartily; but if, again, you feel the contrary, agitate through the mouth-pieces, the University's constitution provides the changes you are convinced should be made. If the Elective Fellows are not sufficiently numerous, see that their number is increased. As soon as any of them lose their usefulness—become mere gilded men of wood, remove them, and replace them by vital organisms.

I do not think the Representative Fellows should always be chosen from Montreal. The corporation should so arrange its meetings that gentlemen from a distance might attend, and their expenses should be paid. Let us have the best men wherever they are to be found.