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The Governors of McGill University
Gentlemen.

It may not have come to your knowledge that rumors very detrimental to McGill University are being circulated at the present time and, as friends of the University we appeal to you for authority to contradict these reports. We are a society of about four hundred women, many of whom have sons and daughters now attending McGill and most of whom have had or expect to have members of our families in attendance thereat and we therefore feel deeply concerned in the welfare of the University. The reports alluded to ^{of which} have come from many directions asking us as a Temperance Society to take some action in the matter refer to the recent celebration of the centenary of McGill. It is alleged and apparently upon good authority that orgies of drinking were indulged in at many of the functions held during the celebration, especially among the younger men. Here are a few examples of the reports received:-

From a clergyman in the Townships:-

That young lads who could command the use of cars were sold off to visit wholesale liquor houses and solicit donations of liquor for the various functions in which they were interested.

From a well-known clergyman of Montreal:-

That at one dinner the meal never got further than the fish course, all participants being too intoxicated to proceed further, that they were lined up as at a football game using the dishes as balls, that the dishes and furniture were smashed.