

(b) But the main reason why it is impossible for McGill to take part in the work is that we have been unable to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Professor W.T. Waugh, Chairman of the Department of History, and with a depleted staff there is really little time for any of the professors to embark upon work which is outside their own particular fields of research. It would be necessary to subsidize students and so enable them to reside in England for the requisite period, but on the other hand it is very doubtful if a student born in Canada and who has lived all his life in Canada would have the requisite background for a piece of research which is bound up so intimately with English life and English associations.

If the project were postponed until some future time when the financial horizon were brighter, McGill University would gladly accept a part, but it now appears that for some years to come we shall be obliged to curtail even the most legitimate research in all the Departments, when it not subsidized by private funds; that is to say, the general funds of the University have been so depleted during the past few years that the strictest economies are enforced upon us.

With all kind wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal